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11 1 shirt is the witness and I see Daniella, Katie and 1 they would if you were testifying in court? 2 Shannon, an 802 number, there is no picture 3 associated with that, who all is on that number Q From time to time I may ask a question 4 and where is that coming from? 4 today that you might not understand. If that's MS. GEORGE: Rob, that just the phone, we the case please just ask me to rephrase or tell me 6 had to do the phone and the Zoom computer 6 you don't understand and I will do my best to do different. The computer looking at the witness that. If you do answer I will assume that you does not have the audio, this phone number does 8 understood my question. Is that fair? 9 instead. It is just a conference line in the room A That's fair. 10 with us. 10 Q If you need a break at any point during MR. FEINSTEIN: Okay. 11 the deposition that's perfectly fine, just let us 11 12 know. I just ask that you answer the question 12 And then who is doing the examination? 13 MR. BURT: Rob, I am doing it. This is 13 that has been asked before we take that break, is 14 Jason. 14 that fair? 15 MR. FEINSTEIN: And you are not on the 15 A Okay. 16 screen anywhere? Unless -- you are just on the 16 Q Your attorney may object to some of the 17 questions that I pose today. Unless your attorney 18 MR. BURT: No, I am here in person, only 18 instructs you not to answer do you understand that 19 the witness is on the zoom screen. 19 you are still obligated to answer the question? MR. FEINSTEIN: You are in the room with 20 A Yes. 21 the witness. 21 Q Is there any reason, Mr. Adamczak, why you 22 can't be able to answer my questions fully and 2.2. MR. BURT: I am. 23 MR. FEINSTEIN: Got it, okay, thank you. 23 truthfully today? 24 24 A No. 25 25 Q Throughout this deposition I am going to 10 12 THOMAS ADAMCZAK, 30(b)(6), 1 refer to Sentinel as a shorthand, and by that what called as a witness herein, having been first duly I mean is Sentinel Reinsurance Limited, is that sworn was examined and testified as follows: fair? **EXAMINATION** A That's fair. 5 BY MR. BURT: Q And I may also refer to Beecher or Beecher Q Mr. Adamczak, could you please state and 6 Carlson, and do you understand that unless I say spell your full name for the record? otherwise I mean Beecher Carlson Insurance A The name is Thomas Patrick Adamczak, Services, LLC, and/or Beecher Carlson Cayman 9 T-h-o-m-a-s Patrick, P-a-t-r-i-c-k, Adamczak, 9 Limited? 10 A-d-a-m-c-z-a-k. 10 A That's fair. Q Mr. Adamczak, who do you work for? Q You understand that you have been 12 A I work for Brown & Brown formerly known as 12 designated as the corporate witness or 13 Beecher Carlson. 13 representative for Beecher Carlson for purposes of Q Have you been deposed before? 14 this deposition, correct? 15 A No. 15 A That's correct. 16 Q I would like to go over just a few of the Q And that your answers today are on behalf 17 ground rules, I am sure your counsel has described 17 of Beecher Carlson? 18 some of these, just so that we can make a clear 18 A Correct. 19 record today. You understand you were just sworn Q So if I ask -- if I say you in a question 20 by the court reporter, and do you understand that 20 I am referring not just to you, Mr. Adamczak, but 21 you are under oath and --21 to Beecher Carlson as a whole. 22 A Yes. 22 A Correct. 23 Q -- and obligated to tell the truth today? Q I'd like to show you quickly two exhibits, 24 A Yes. 24 we will mark this, I think we are beginning at

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Q And that penalties of perjury apply as

25 112, so we will mark these as 112 and 113.

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13 1 MR. WELDON: Federal being 112, New York 2 being 113?	15 1 BY MR. BURT: 2 Q So you understand you are designated to
3 MR. BURT: No. They will both just be	3 testify on these topics in both proceedings?
4 112. Excuse me, the same number for both cases,	4 A Correct.
5 it's just continuous in the adversary proceeding	5 Q Perfect.
6 and we won't mess with different exhibit labels.	6 Mr. Adamczak, when did you begin working
7 MR. WELDON: So Exhibit 112 are both	7 for Beecher Carlson?
8 subpoenas?	8 A In 2014.
9 MR. BURT: Correct.	9 Q And when did you begin working on Sentinel
Exhibit 112 is the subpoena in the	10 matters?
11 adversary proceeding, Exhibit 113 is the exhibit	11 A Probably shortly after I started with
12 is the subpoena in the New York proceeding.	12 Beecher.
MR. WELDON: That's what I said, okay.	13 Q How did it come to be that you began
14 MR. BURT: Sorry, I got confused.	14 working on the Sentinel matters?
15 MR. WELDON: No problem.	15 A The person that I had replaced had
16 (Document marked Walther Exhibit 112 for	16 previously done work with Sentinel and it was my
17 identification.)	17 designated client to work with.
18 (Document marked Walther Exhibit 113 for	18 Q Who did you replace?
19 identification.)	19 A John, I don't remember his last name.
20 BY MR. BURT:	20 Q And so Sentinel is one of
21 Q Mr. Adamczak, referring to Exhibit 112 do	21 Beecher Carlson's clients, correct?
22 you recognize this as the subpoena issued in the	22 A It is.
23 bankruptcy proceeding?	23 Q How long has Sentinel been a Beecher
24 A I do.	24 client?
25 Q And have you seen this document before?	25 A Since its inception.
14	16
1 A I have.	1 Q And when you say that Sentinel is a
2 Q And have you had a chance to review the	2 Beecher client, what precisely do you mean by
3 topics listed in Attachment A?	3 that?
4 A I have.	4 A Sentinel has an agreement with
5 Q And you understand that you have been	5 Beecher Carlson to provide captive management
6 designated to testify about these topics that are	6 services consisting of financial statements,
7 listed in Attachment A, correct?	7 preparation, coordination of board meetings,
8 A I have.	8 corresponding with the regulators.
9 Q Referring to Exhibit 113, do you see it is	9 Q Anything else that's involved in being a
10 a subpoena to testify in the New York proceeding	10 captive insurance manager?
11 UBS versus Highland Capital Management and a	11 A Interacting with the various service
12 number of other parties, is that right?	12 providers that Sentinel would engage for audit,
13 A Yes.	13 actuarial, whatever.
14 Q And also listed in this subpoena in	14 Q Do you know how it came to be that Beecher
15 Attachment A is a number of topics. Have you had	15 was hired to be Sentinel's captive insurance
16 a chance to review those topics?	16 manager?
17 A I am seeing this for the first time now.	17 A I believe Beecher had helped set up the
18 Q And I will represent to you they are the	18 captive initially.
19 same topics that are listed	19 Q On whose request?
20 A I was going to ask.	20 A Someone from Highland; whoever would have
21 Q in the other subpoena.	21 contacted Beecher Carlson to perform the work.
MR. WELDON: We may have just sent him the	Q When you say Highland, who are you
23 attachment to it, but he's designated for both.	23 referring to?
24 MR. BURT: Perfect.	24 A Highland Capital Management.
25	Q Do you know who works or who worked at

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1 the time for Highland Capital Management?	1 Q So on the one hand you have the sponsoring
2 A I believe it was J.P. Sevilla. There were	2 organization and on the other you have the
a number of other employees as well that we worked	3 insurance management which in this case was
4 with, but he was I believe the one who had done	4 Beecher?
5 the initial work with Beecher in setting it up.	5 A Correct.
6 Q Who else do you recall worked at that time	6 Q How does the sponsoring organization or
7 for Highland Capital Management?	7 Highland Capital work with the insurance manager
8 A Katie Irving.	8 in Beecher, how did that happen?
9 Q Anyone else?	9 A So the captive managers like
10 A At that time that it was set up that's all	10 Beecher Carlson are specialized in setting up and
11 that I am aware of.	11 helping to manage the captives. We have all the
12 Q And over time did you correspond with	12 contacts, we being Beecher Carlson, has all the
13 others at Highland Capital Management?	13 contacts with regulators and the various service
14 A Yes.	14 providers, whether they are actuaries, attorneys,
Q Who did you correspond with?	15 claims handlers, investment bankers.
16 A Matt DiOrio.	16 Q And what does the sponsoring business do?
Q Did you understand him to work for	17 A They have the understanding of the risks
18 Highland Capital Management?	18 that are being insured within the captive.
19 A Yes.	19 Q This might be an overbroad question, but
20 Q Anyone else?	20 let me ask it first.
A Isaac Leventon, but it was primarily	Who makes the substantive decisions for
22 through Matt DiOrio that we worked with him and on	22 the captive insurance company?
23 a very limited basis.	23 MR. WELDON: Objection.
24 Q Anyone else at Highland Capital Management	24 Go ahead, you can answer.
25 that you've worked with over the years?	25 THE WITNESS: The directors.
18	20
1 A Those are the only ones that come to mind.	1 BY MR. BURT:
2 Q How about Stephanie Vitiello, does that	2 Q The directors of the insurance?
3 ring a bell?	3 A Of the insurance company.
4 A I think I have seen the name. I	4 Q Who appoints the directors?
5 understand that she had attended a meeting down in	5 A That's generally another director who
6 the Cayman with a few other folks from Highland	6 might be on the board or a parent organization.
7 Capital on behalf of Sentinel, but we have had no	7 Q With respect to Sentinel do you know who
8 interaction with her other than her awareness of	8 was making the decisions for Sentinel?
9 that meeting.	9 A For his time that he was there Matt DiOrio
10 Q I want to ask a question about something	10 was.
11 you just said, that they attended a meeting from	11 Q When you say the time that he was there,
12 Highland Capital on behalf of Sentinel. Was it	12 what do you mean when he was where, at Highland
13 common that employees of Highland Capital would do	13 Capital Management?
14 things on behalf of Sentinel?	14 A Right, when he was when he had joined
15 A Well, a captive insurance company does not	15 Highland Capital he was appointed on the Sentinel
16 generally have any employees, so all of the	16 board and was our main contact at that point
17 employees are typically from a sponsoring	17 forward.
18 organization. In this case it was Highland	18 Q Do you know if he was making decisions on
19 Capital that was that sponsoring organization.	19 his own?
20 Q And what exactly does sponsoring	20 A I do not.
21 organization mean?	21 Q We will come back to some of those topics.
A They provide the direction, ideas for	We listed a few names, people who worked
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25 Scott Ellington.

23 at Highland Capital Management. Let me throw out

24 another name and let me know if you recognize it.

23 insurance coverage, pretty much the concept for

24 the captive and why it came to be in the first

25 place.

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1 A I do.	1 A Sure.
2 Q Who do you understand Mr. Ellington to be?	2 Q Looking at Exhibit 114, do you see that
A I understand that Scott Ellington was an	3 this is a letter from Beecher Carlson Cayman
4 attorney with Highland Capital and also one of the	4 limited dated November 17, 2015, correct?
5 ultimate beneficial owners of Sentinel.	5 A Correct.
6 Q What does ultimate beneficial owner mean?	6 Q And it is signed by a Peter A. Kranz who
7 A They would be the individuals that	7 you list as the managing director of that Beecher
8 ultimately owned Sentinel.	8 entity, correct?
9 Q Was there another ultimate beneficial	9 A Correct.
10 owner of Sentinel?	10 Q What was Mr. Kranz's role?
11 A There was.	11 A He is was the primary person that was
12 Q Who was that?	12 performing captive management duties with respect
13 A Jim Dondero.	13 to Sentinel.
14 Q Does he also go by James Dondero?	14 Q Is he located in the Caymans?
15 A James Dondero, yes.	15 A He is not.
Q So it's correct, is it not, that both	16 Q Is he located here?
17 Mr. Ellington and Mr. Dondero with were the	17 A He is located in Vermont.
18 ultimate beneficial owners of Sentinel?	18 Q In Vermont, okay.
19 A Correct.	19 I meant to ask earlier, does Beecher
20 Q How did you know that?	20 Carlson is it still the captive insurance
21 A We have been provided with organizational	21 manager for Sentinel?
22 charts from Highland Capital and were informed	22 A It is.
23 that the two UBOs that sat at the top were	23 Q And are you still working on that account?
24 Mr. Dondero and Mr. Ellington.	24 A I am.
25 Q Who provided you those documents of	25 Q Drawing your attention to the second page
22	24
1 Highland Capital?	1 of this letter, No. 7, it states that the
2 A My recollection is Matt DiOrio and	2 executive the executed representation from the
3 J. <mark>P. Sevilla.</mark>	3 directors of Sentinel confirming that Messrs James
4 Q What is the role of an ultimate beneficial	4 Dondero and Scott Ellington will remain as the
5 owner?	5 majority beneficial owners of Sentinel and that
6 A The ultimate person who would call the	6 both individuals will have the ultimate
7 shots for the captive.	7 responsibility of meeting capital and solvency
8 Q Because they own it?	8 requirements under the proposed new structure, is
9 A Correct.	9 that what it says there?
10 Q I would like to show you our next exhibit,	10 A That is correct.
11 Tab 3, we will mark this as Exhibit 114. It looks	11 Q That was Beecher's understanding in 2015?
12 big but we are only going to look at a couple of	12 A Correct.
13 pages.	13 Q Has that been the case throughout
14 MR. WELDON: 114?	14 Sentinel's existence that Beecher has been
15 MR. BURT: 114.	15 servicing Sentinel that Messrs Dondero and
16 (Document marked Exhibit 114 for	16 Ellington are the ultimate beneficial owners?
17 identification.)	17 A That is true.
18 BY MR. BURT:	18 Q And it is still true to this day?
19 Q Mr. Adamczak, for ease I am just going to	19 A That is correct.
20 refer you to the letter that's the first and	20 Q And is it true that both have always had
21 second page, and then actually the very last page	21 the responsibility of meeting capital and solvency
22 of the exhibit. Feel free to flip through it, but	22 requirements for Sentinel?
23 those are the two pages that I have questions	23 A That is correct.
24 about.	
25 Are you ready, Mr. Adamczak?	Q And that is true to this day as well?A That is correct.

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1 Q You stated a moment ago that the ultimate	1 BY MR. BURT:	
2 the role of an ultimate beneficial owner is	2 Q So, Mr. Adamczak, I am showing you what's	
3 that they are the person who ultimately calls the	3 been marked as Exhibit 115 an e-mail, it's an	
4 shots for the captive. Is that true with respect	4 organizational chart attachment. Go ahead and	
5 to Mr. Dondero and Ellington and Sentinel, that	5 take a look at that and let me know when you are	
6 they are the ones ultimately calling the shots for	6 ready.	
7 Sentinel?	7 A Okay.	
8 MR. WELDON: Objection.	8 Q So you see the top e-mail is a June, 2019	
9 BY MR. BURT:	9 e-mail from Clayton price who you mentioned a	
10 Q You can answer.	10 moment ago to a Leonna Saintvil at CIMA, is that	
MR. WELDON: You may answer.	11 right?	
THE WITNESS: To the best of our knowledge	12 A Correct.	
13 that is correct.	13 Q I am probably mispronouncing the name	
14 BY MR. BURT:	14 there, and it's regarding Sentinel Re CIMA	
15 Q With Mr. Kranz did he report to you or did	15 requests, do you see that?	
16 you report to him or work together with the	16 A I do.	
17 Sentinel account?	17 Q What was going on in the June-July, 2019	
18 A I reported to Mr. Kranz	18 timeframe with respect to CIMA and Sentinel?	
19 Q Is that that true to this day?	19 A CIMA had performed its periodic inspection	
20 A He has moved up to a different level, but	20 of Sentinel and this was in response to a few	
21 in an indirect way, yes, that's still true.	21 questions they had on that inspection.	
22 Q Do you report to somebody else more	22 Q And looking at the first e-mail, which is	
23 directly for the Sentinel account?	23 from CIMA to Clayton price, I see you are cc'd on	
24 A For the Sentinel account we have a	24 this, Question No. II is as follows, "Is USP1 and	
25 Clayton Price down in Cayman. We actually opened	25 USP2 individuals, if so please amend the	
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1 A To hold the investment in SeaOne.	1 of investees other than Sentinel.
2 Q And what was SeaOne?	2 Q Do you know if those investees involve
A SeaOne is a limited partnership startup	3 Mr. Dondero or Mr. Ellington?
4 company that was contributed to Sentinel back in	4 A I do not.
5 2014, I believe.	5 Q Or trusts or other organizations that they
6 Q And who contributed it to Sentinel?	6 own or control?
7 A James Dondero.	7 A I do not, no.
8 Q Who runs SeaOne?	8 Q So looking again at the org chart when you
9 A I do not know.	9 have above Sentinel you have a split to the
10 Q Do you know if Mr. Dondero strike that.	10 right and a split to the left. And the first
How was Mr. Dondero affiliated with SeaOne	entity on the right that has 70% value and 91%
12 if you know?	12 vote is Mainspring Limited, do you see that?
13 MR. WELDON: Objection.	13 A I do.
14 THE WITNESS: I do not know how he is	Q What do you understand Mainspring Limited
15 affiliated with SeaOne.	15 to be?
16 BY MR. BURT:	16 A A parent entity for Sentinel Reinsurance.
17 Q Do you know why he transferred the SeaOne	17 Q And is it correct that Mr. Dondero
18 interest to Sentinel?	18 ultimately owns Mainspring?
19 A As a capital contribution to increase the	19 A That is correct.
20 capital in Sentinel.	20 Q Is he the only owner of Mainspring?
21 Q What form did that capital take, the	21 A I do not know that.
22 SeaOne interest, was it shares of shown ownership,	22 Q As you follow up the org chart up to
23 was it cash?	23 Mr. Dondero the 70% value that went to Mainspring
24 A Shares of ownership.	24 95% of that value ultimately ends up with
25 Q How did the shares of ownership increase	25 Mr. Dondero, correct?
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1 Sentinel's balance sheet or capital?	A According to the org chart, correct.
2 A We understood that the cost basis of the	Q Do you have an understanding to the
3 SeaOne ownership was \$7 million so the \$7 million	3 contrary?
4 flowed down into Sentinel and increased its	4 A I do not.
5 capital base by 7 million.	5 Q And then 9% of the vote goes to
6 Q Is SeaOne does Sentinel still own that	6 Mr. Dondero and then 91% of the vote is split off
7 SeaOne interest?	7 into Kind Holdings, Limited, do you see that?
8 A Sentinel does.	8 A I do.
9 Q Do you know what the value of it is today?	9 Q What is Kind Holdings?
10 A The latest valuation that was performed it	10 A An entity in the structure.
11 was upwards of 40 to 45 million, I believe.	11 We really did not have any knowledge other
12 Q Who performed that valuation?	12 than what was presented in the org chart as far as
13 A Valuation Research CORP.	13 any of the entities above Sentinel.
14 Q And they are referred to sometimes in the	14 Q Was that something that Highland was
15 documents as VRC?	15 managing?
16 A Correct.	16 A Correct.
17 Q When was that valuation?	17 Q And was it Mr. DiOrio who most often
18 A 2020.	18 communicated to you about those issues?
19 Q Do you know if Sentinel wholly owns SeaOne	19 A Anything pertaining to the entities within
20 or are there other owners of SeaOne?	20 the Sentinel structure or the SAS structure as we
21 A There are several other owners.	21 would refer to it would either be communicated by
22 Q Do you know who they are?	22 Matt DiOrio, JP Sevilla, or Katie Irving.
23 A I do not. I have seen a document with all	Q Got it.
24 of the listed shareholders, various individuals,	Looking to the left branch above Sentinel
25 trusts, whatever. There is a significant number	25 it states 30% of value and 9% of vote goes to

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1 Montage Holdings, Limited do you see that on the	1 A There were a few entities that CIMA
2 chart?	2 identified as not really adding any value to the
3 A I do.	3 organization and they felt those entities confused
Q Is Montage Holdings Limited owned by	4 the purpose and the structure and they had
5 Mr. Ellington?	5 requested that those entities be removed,
6 A According to the org chart.	6 simplified.
7 Q And you don't have an understanding	7 Q Did they send that request to Beecher?
8 differently?	8 A It was included within the inspection
9 A I do not.	9 report.
Q And then 99% of that value that went to	10 Q We will come to that in a few minutes.
11 Montage ultimately flows up to Mr. Ellington	And in response to that there was a
12 according to the chart, correct?	12 simplification of the
13 A Correct.	13 A That is correct.
14 Q In the middle, for the it looks like	14 Q the ownership structure.
15 approximately 1.5% of value that does not go to	Who carried out that reorganization?
16 Mr. Dondero and Mr. Ellington it looks like it	16 A The Sentinel directors and the folks at
17 flows ultimately to SAS Holdings/SPV Limited,	17 Highland Capital along with their attorneys.
18 correct?	18 Q But Beecher didn't have any role in that?
19 A Correct.	19 A Other than communicating with CIMA that
20 Q What do you understand that entity to be?	20 was our role.
21 A I do not have any knowledge of what that	21 Q Keep that handy, that org chart.
22 entity represents.	I do want to show you another exhibit. We
23 Q Do you know who owned it?	23 will mark this mark this one as 116. Fortunately
24 A I do not.	24 this one is stapled.
25 Q Do you know who controlled it?	25
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1 A I do not.	1 (Document marked Exhibit 116 for
Q And above that it states ITA Red Cross.	2 identification.)
3 Do you know what that refers to?	3 BY MR. BURT:
4 A To my knowledge there was a charitable	4 Q If you can just look first at the e-mail
5 organization that was set up to have some partial 6 ownership. And that's all I know, that's all we	5 chain, Mr. Adamczak, I have a few questions about6 that and then I will direct you to specific
6 ownership. And that's all I know, that's all we 7 were really told about.	6 that and then I will direct you to specific 7 attachments and you obviously can take your time
8 Q As far as the voting interests in Sentinel	8 to look at the attachments when we go there.
9 where the majority of that goes to SAS Holdings	9 A Okay.
10 and then up to ITA, do you know what that meant in	10 Q So the beginning with the first-in-time
11 practical terms, that the voting interests in	11 e-mail, it's from you dated February 5, 2019 to
12 Sentinel went to SAS and then to ITA?	12 Clayton, Mr. Price, regarding the Sentinel CIMA
13 A I do not know.	13 exam. You referred I think you referred to
14 Q No understanding at all?	14 that earlier. Was that the CIMA annual exam,
15 A I do not know, no.	15 was that going on in February of 2019?
16 Q But ultimately, as you testified earlier,	16 A So it's not an annual exam, it probably
17 you understood that Mr. Dondero and Mr. Ellington	17 occurs on whatever periodic schedule they might
18 were the ones calling the shots?	18 have, but on average every five years is the
19 A That is correct.	19 standard.
20 Q Was there a corporate reorganization of	20 This time period I believe would have been
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21 all of these entities that occurred around this	_
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1 them being unavailable." If you recall, what did	1 right?
2 you mean by that?	2 A Correct.
3 A Typically with the inspection is they will	3 Q Now, okay, so looking at this document its
4 send out a request list require by a certain date	4 title is Resolutions of ITA Global Trust Limited,
5 these documents are provided. These documents	5 the Trustee, of the Trust Declared Pursuant to a
6 would have been either unavailable at a time	6 Deed Dated 17 February 2015.
7 whether it was we had to obtain them from somebody	7 Now, to orient, that org chart that we
8 else or we were still searching for the applicable	8 were looking at in the previous exhibit at the top
9 documents that they were looking for.	9 had ITA and then Red Cross, is that right?
10 Q So as we go through some of these	10 A It does.
11 attachments I will ask you if these were ones that	11 Q Do you know if this ITA Global Trust
12 you had to obtain from Highland or that Beecher	12 Limited referred to in this exhibit refers to the
13 didn't have before then.	13 same ITA?
14 And it appears then that in early March,	14 A I do not.
15 about a month later, Mr. Price forwards these on	15 Q Okay. Are you familiar with ITA Global
16 to CIMA and then CIMA confirms receipt, is that	16 Trust Limited?
17 right?	17 MR. WELDON: Objection, asked and
18 A That is correct.	18 answered.
19 Q The first and we see Alli in the top	19 You can answer it again.
20 e-mail, the last-in-time, there is four	20 THE WITNESS: I am sorry, I do not.
21 attachments listed, right?	21 BY MR. BURT:
22 A Yes.	22 Q You are not familiar?
23 Q The first one I want to look at is	23 A I am not familiar.
24 actually the third attachment, and I will point	24 Q Is today the first time you have heard of
25 you to that. There is advisory there is the	25 it?
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1 board of directors minutes, so skip that for now,	1 A I have heard of it and seen this document,
2 and then there is a number of pages of bullet	2 but I do not know its significance with respect to
3 point notes from an advisory committee, so skip	3 Sentinel.
4 that. And then Attachment 3, and you will see at	4 Q This refers to an advisory board, if you
5 the bottom the number, the Bates number ends in	5 look at the whereas Clause A, 'The Trustee wishes
6 76075, do you see that?	6 to establish an advisory board to advise the
7 A Yes, I do have it.	7 Trustee to guide the decision making of the
8 Q And, actually, while we are looking at	8 decision making of the ITA trust in its role as an
9 that Bates number you see it begins with BC SEN, a	9 indirect shareholder in Sentinel Reinsurance," do
10 number of 0s, and then 76075?	10 you see that last clause?
11 A I do.	11 A I do.
12 Q And do you understand that those are	12 Q Does that refresh your recollection at all
13 documents that Beecher Carlson produced pursuant	13 about ITA?
14 to subpoena?	14 A It does not.
15 A I do.	15 Q Okay.
16 Q And documents that have the that	And then on the first page under
17 beginning with BC SEN or SEN, those were documents	17 Section 1.1.1, it states, "The advisory board
18 that Beecher had in its possession, is that right?	18 shall consist of such number of members all being
19 A Correct.	19 individuals as the Trustee determines from time to
20 Q And keeping these documents was part of	20 time and shall initially be two members, namely
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23 A I do.

22 that?

24 Q Were you familiar with this advisory board 25 at all?

21 Scott B. Ellington and James Dondero," do you see

21 Beecher's normal business practices?

25 in the ordinary course of that role, is that

23 correct.

22 A That was the role of the captive manager,

Q And these documents would have been kept

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1 A I am familiar with the existence of it.	1 Ellington were reporting to the Sentinel board	
2 Q What do you know about it?	2 that they were having discussions about the	
3 MR. WELDON: Objection, asked and	3 potential ATE policy?	
4 answered.	4 A They never attended the board meetings.	
5 You can answer it again.	5 Q Do you know if copies of these advisory	
6 THE WITNESS: Just that it existed and	6 committee discussions were provided to the board	
7 that's really all I know about it.	7 for the board to review?	
8 BY MR. BURT:	8 A I am not aware of them being provided to	
9 Q Going to the second attachment, right	9 the board for review.	
10 after the board minute meetings, the board meeting	10 Q And part of Beecher's role as the	
11 minutes, it talks about a Sentinel advisory	11 insurance manager is to maintain the books and	
12 committee discussion, do you see that?	12 records for the company, right?	
13 A I do see it.	13 A That is correct.	
Q Do you know what the Sentinel advisory	14 Q But these records were not provided to	
15 committee was?	15 Beecher at the time that they were actually	
16 A My recollection is these were internal	16 created?	
17 discussions had by Mr. Ellington and Mr. Dondero	17 A That is correct.	
18 regarding the Sentinel structure.	MR. WELDON: You are talking about, just	
19 Q Did they call themselves the Sentinel	19 so we are clear, the Sentinel Advisory Committee	
20 Advisory Committee?	20 discussions?	
21 A I am not aware.	21 MR. BURT: Correct, yes.	
22 Q You are aware that they were the ones who	22 BY MR. BURT:	
23 were having these discussions?	23 Q Do you know if the ITA Global Trust	
24 A That is correct.	24 resolution was provided to Beecher prior to	
25 Q And you see that Scott Ellington signs	25 February, 2019 or was that only later as well?	
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1 this as the recording member, is that right?	1 A I don't recall having seen it prior to	
2 A I do see that.	2 when it was provided to CIMA.	
3 Q Did Beecher when did Beecher get a copy	3 Q In looking at your e-mail, what we first	
4 of these advisory committee discussion notes?	4 looked at when you said they were unavailable, do	
5 A We would have obtained these at the	5 you recall who provided them to you in February	
6 request of CIMA probably around the same time that	6 of 2019, these materials?	
7 this was conducted.	7 A I believe they would have come from	
8 Q So that would have been in February	8 Matt DiOrio.	
9 of 2019?	9 Q Looking back at the advisory committee	
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2 discussing the potential ATE policy in August	2 let me just ask this. Do you know when the
3 of 2017, correct?	3 valuation of those assets took place?
4 MR. WELDON: Objection.	4 A The valuations would have been performed
5 THE WITNESS: Correct.	5 late in 2017, early 2018, but there would have
6 BY MR. BURT:	6 been valuations that were performed as of the date
Q If you flip to the next page, Q4, 2017,	7 that the assets were transferred in so that we had
8 dated November 7, 2017, it states documentation of	8 a starting point and then another valuation as of
9 ATE policy and closing of same.	9 the 12/31/2017 year-end.
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11 Messrs Dondero and Ellington were speaking about	11 valuation Resource Corp.?
12 and documenting these discussions at that time,	12 A Research Corp., correct.
13 correct?	13 Q Research.
MR. WELDON: Objection, you can answer.	When did Beecher first become aware of the
THE WITNESS: That's correct.	15 possibility of an ATE policy for Sentinel?
16 BY MR. BURT:	16 A The business plan for Sentinel had
17 Q It states that the closing of the ATE	17 previously requested and approved from CIMA the
18 policy I don't know if it states that it took	18 ability to write ATE coverage, and I believe there
19 place around November strike that.	19 were several different types of coverages that
20 Let me just ask this way. When did the	20 were requested at the time. There were multiple
21 ATE policy close or come into effect?	21 discussions between Pete Kranz and J.P. Sevilla to
22 A I believe the ATE policy incepted in	22 discuss insurance coverages to put in to the
23 August of 2017.	23 captive, and ATE was one concept that J.P. had
24 Q And then they discussed the settlement of	24 brought to the discussion.
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2 Q Do you know what they were discussing	2 Q So I am going to show you another exhibit,
3 precisely?	3 Mr. Adamczak, we are going to come back to the ATE
4 A They would have discussed limits, premium,	4 policy in just a moment.
5 the nature of how the premium would be paid,	5 You mentioned the management agreement
6 policy language.	6 between Beecher and Sentinel, I just would like to
7 Q Who the insureds would be?	7 take a quick look at that. We will mark this as
8 A Who the insureds would be, the specific	8 117.
9 event that was being covered.	9 (Document marked Exhibit 117 for
10 Q And what was the event that was being	10 identification.)
11 covered?	11 BY MR. BURT:
12 A It was the UBS litigation matter.	12 Q Showing you, Mr. Adamczak, what has been
13 Q And at that time what was Beecher's	13 Bates labeled BC SEN000361175, go ahead and take a
14 understanding of who was involved in that UBS	14 look at that and let me know when you are ready.
15 litigation, who was UBS suing, in other words,	15 A I am ready.
16 what was Beecher's knowledge?	16 Q Great.
17 A Highland Capital and the particular funds.	So what do you understand this document to
18 Q What did Beecher understand at that time	18 be?
19 about who controlled and owned those funds?	19 A This is the agreement between Beecher
20 A Beecher's understanding was that the funds	20 Carlson Cayman and Sentinel to provide captive
21 were controlled by Highland Capital Management.	21 management services.
22 Q Do you know which funds in particular were	Q And this is the agreement that governed
23 at issue?	23 the relationship between Beecher and Sentinel, is
24 A The funds that I don't know off the top	24 that right?
25 of my head, but it's the funds that are the	25 A That is correct.
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2 that Beecher Carlson provides for Sentinel?	2 statements, to Beecher, is that right?
A It describes all of the standard services	3 A Correct.
4 that are provided under the captive management.	4 Q And is that how its actually been in
5 Q Are there any services beyond what's	5 practice, that Highland Capital requests that
6 listed here that Beecher provides?	6 financial information?
7 A No.	7 A That is correct.
8 Q So I just want to look at a couple of	8 Q And has it mostly been J.P. Sevilla and
9 these, the first, which is a little a, states	9 Matt DiOrio who requested that information?
10 "Maintain copies of such records, ledgers, and	10 A That is correct.
11 books of accounts as will constitute a complete	11 Q Has Katie Irving as well?
12 and current record of the financial condition of	A She was probably copied on the
13 Sentinel in accordance with establishing	13 correspondence when the financial statements were
14 accounting principles applicable to the business	14 sent out, but she wouldn't necessarily she
15 of insurance and reinsurance as directed by	15 wouldn't necessarily provide the financial
16 Sentinel's directors and officers," do you see	16 direction requests.
17 that?	17 Q Those would come through Mr. Sevilla
18 A I do.	18 you say Sevilla?
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2 A I believe that when the captive was set up	2 directors.
3 Beecher Carlson might have had a few initial	Q Would Mr. Sevilla attend as well?
4 discussions with Scott Ellington, but it was only	A He had attended some of them, but
5 initially and certainly hasn't been anything since	5 typically once Matt was involved it was just Matt
6 then. Everything has gone through Matt DiOrio and	6 from Highland.
7 J.P. Sevilla.	7 Q How about Ms. Irving, did she attend?
8 Q Is that typical that ultimate beneficial	8 A I think early on, but not the later
9 owners don't have communications with Beecher?	9 meetings.
10 MR. WELDON: Objection.	10 Q Do you know why they attended?
11 THE WITNESS: I think that's probably not	11 A It was before Matt so J.P. was our main
12 out of the ordinary. There is always going to be	12 contact at Highland at the time.
13 somebody that may have maybe the risk manager	13 Q But he wasn't on the Sentinel board,
14 or somebody that's more involved with the risk	14 right?
15 management program than, say, the ultimate	16 A He was never on the board.
16 openers, so it's not out of the ordinary that it	16 Q Is it common for the sponsoring company's
17 wouldn't be the top dogs that we are dealing with.	17 personnel to attend board meetings even if not on
18 BY MR. BURT:	18 the board?
19 Q You have also testified that Mr. Dondero	19 A It is.
20 and Ellington were calling the shots for Sentinel.	Q Item F here states 'Facilitate the
21 Is it ordinary that the people who are actually	21 investment of available funds in accordance with
22 calling the shots for the captive don't	22 written instructions from Sentinel through
23 communicate with Beecher directly?	23 Highland Capital." So did Beecher provide that
24 MR. WELDON: Objection.	24 service for Sentinel?
25 THE WITNESS: It's difficult to say	25 A Yes.
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63 1 been at the request of Highland Capital. 1 focused on liquidity on some of the investments Q Let me break that down a little bit to maybe, I don't know. make sure I understand. Q Instructions for investments never came You said the directors didn't have from those outside directors, right, for the 5 Highland's financial interest in mind, did I have Sentinel investments? A They wouldn't have initiated. They would that right? MR. WELDON: Objection, for clarification, have been brought in to discussions with the 8 Highland folks or J.P. and Matt and ultimately outside directors. made the decision at the end to invest in this MR. BURT: The outside directors, thank 10 you. 10 vehicle or that vehicle. 11 BY MR. BURT: 11 Q They being the entire board? 12 Q The outside directors didn't have A The board of directors were ultimately 13 Highland's financial interest in mind? 13 responsible for making those decisions. 14 A At the time that's correct, they weren't Q Do you know what -- if J.P. was overseeing 15 -- when the captive was originally set up I am not 15 that or directing those decisions that the board 16 sure. We can back up. 16 was making? 17 Q Let's back up and break it down. 17 A I believe so. 18 So outside directors first, by that do you 18 Q Do you know if the board ever rejected 19 mean directors who were not affiliated with 19 directions given by a Highland employee and did 20 Highland? 20 something different? 21 A That is correct. 21 A I am not aware of anything. So there was a requirement that there were Q Moving down to J in the management 23 some outside independent directors that were 23 agreement, and then there is a bunch of sub 24 involved on the board for Sentinel, and up until 24 romanettes there, I will highlight a couple, J 25 Matt DiOrio was -- had joined Highland Capital 25 states "Make withdrawals from time to time in 62 64 1 there were only outside independent directors on accordance with written authorization procedures 2 Sentinel's board and then Matt was appointed, established by Sentinel from any bank account or 3 there was another individual from Highland Capital accounts established by Sentinel in order to pay 4 that was added to the board, and so there were in a timely manner the necessary, reasonable, and proper expenses of Sentinel." And then it lists 5 four total directors, two outside independent 6 directors and two Highland Capital the expenses that are included but not limited to 7 representatives. and it lists a bunch, do you see that? Q Who was the other Highland Capital A I do. 9 director? Q Is that what Beecher does, it makes those 10 A Dilip Massand. 10 withdrawals for payments that come from Sentinel? Q When did Mr. DiOrio join the board? MR. WELDON: Objection. 11 11 A I believe it was 2018. 12 THE WITNESS: That is a typical service Q Let's go back to the outside directors, 13 that is provided, but it is going to come with 14 you said they didn't have Highland's financial 14 proper authorization from the directors. 15 interests in mind because they weren't affiliated 15 BY MR. BURT: 16 with Highland, right? 16 Q And who would provide -- who would 17 A They weren't affiliated with Highland but 17 actually provide authorization for payments to 18 they were appointed to act on behalf of Sentinel; 18 Beecher? 19 not necessarily what Highland's motives might be, 19 A The directors. 20 I guess. 20 The way that the account was set up was 21 Q Why would it matter as far as Sentinel's 21 that Beecher would initiate the transactions in 22 investments went whether the directors had 22 the system at least as far as the current bank 23 account is Beecher would initiate the transactions 23 Highland's financial interests in mind? 24 A I don't know that it necessarily mattered 24 and the invoice and requests for processing and 25 other than they might -- they might be more 25 request for approval would be sent to the

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directors who would give their formal approval,	1 A Correct.
2 this is the outside directors, and they would	2 Q Now post-Mr. DiOrio leaving those
3 release the payments on the system.	3 requests, the Highland requests, are coming from
4 Q Where did Beecher who provided the	4 the independent directors for Sentinel?
5 invoice in the initial request to Beecher?	5 A That is correct.
6 A The primary person to provide invoices to	6 Q You mentioned a Sentinel account and it
7 Beecher, it was Matt DiOrio, unless it was a	7 sounded like you said account in the singular, so
8 service provider that Beecher worked closely with,	8 I just want to understand that.
9 whether it was the audit firm or the actuary,	9 Did Sentinel have a single account from
10 those would come directly to Beecher and then	10 which payments were made for reimbursement or
11 Beecher would submit them to Matt, get his okay,	11 expenses?
12 and then they would go to the outside directors	12 A They have a single checking account and an
13 for their approval.	13 investment custodial account.
14 Q So ultimately the outside directors had to	14 Q Where is that checking account located?
15 sign off on any expense payment by Sentinel?	15 A CIBC in the Cayman.
16 A That is correct.	16 Q And they have a single you said investment
17 Q Did that always happen?	17 account?
18 A That is true, yes.	18 A Correct, custodial account with CIBC as
19 Q Were any invoices from DiOrio that	19 well.
20 DiOrio submitted were any not approved by the	20 Q CIBC Caymans?
21 directors? The outside directors, let me be more	21 A Yes.
22 specific.	22 Q So help me understand the difference.
A I don't believe there were any that	23 In the checking account there is cash, is
24 ultimately were not approved.	24 that right?
25 Q Since Mr. DiOrio is no longer with	25 A That is correct.
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1 Highland Capital, where are the requests coming	1 Q And then in the investment, the custodial
2 from now?	2 investment account, what is located there?
3 MR. WELDON: Objection.	3 A There are the investments that were
4 Clarification, you are talking about where	4 registered in Sentinel's name are custodied with
5 the invoice is coming from now?	5 that investment account.
6 MR. BURT: Right.	6 Q And we will get to this, but some of the
7 BY MR. BURT:	7 assets the assets that were transferred from
8 Q So any requests for payment for Sentinel	8 the Highland entities as part of the ATE policy,
9 to make a payment, where are those coming from? I	9 would those be in the CIBC account?
10 understand some might be coming from service	10 A Some of those are in the CIBC custody
11 providers.	11 account.
12 A Invoices that come from the service	12 O Are there some located elsewhere?

13 providers still follow the same channel. Any

14 invoices that would originate from the Highland

15 side will now or have been since the new directors

16 took over since the old directors and Matt

17 resigned are coming through to those directors and

18 then they submit them to us.

19 Q The directors -- the new directors of

20 Sentinel?

A The current independent directors, yes.

22 Q So prior to Mr. DiOrio leaving the request

23 -- the Highland-related request, let's call them,

24 those were coming from an inside director from

25 Mr. DiOrio?

Q Are there some located elsewhere?

A Not all of the investments were

14 re-registered into Sentinel's name.

Q So some never made it --

A That is correct. 16

17 Q -- in other words, all right.

Has that been true throughout the time

19 that Beecher has been managing Sentinel, that all

20 claims for reimbursement would come out of the

21 single checking account?

A With the current checking account that is

23 accurate. Prior to setting up that checking

24 account and while Maples served as the outside

25 directors Maples had a cash function and they

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1 would process payments on their end.	1 correct.
2 Q I want to ask about Maples, but let me ask	2 Q Do you know, were there terms of
3 one question about the investments that never made	3 reimbursements what was authorized to be
4 it.	4 reimbursed for these types of expenses, travel and
5 Do you know where those investments are	5 entertainment costs?
6 that never made it to Sentinel?	6 A As long as the directors approved it and
7 A As far as I know they are still in the	7 supported that it was in relation to Sentinel it
8 name of the insureds.	8 would be dispersed out of the account.
9 Q And do you know which ones never made it?	9 Q And we are going to talk about one of the
10 A Any that are not in the custody account.	10 we believe what one of the things that happens
11 Q Sure.	11 with the insurance policy is through the second
12 A There is a number of them. I would	12 endorsement there is a risk mitigation fee that's
13 recognize them if I saw them.	13 taken out of the policy, a \$9 million risk
14 Q Okay, all right. We will come back to	14 mitigation figure. Does that sound familiar?
15 that.	15 A That does.
You mentioned Maples, what is Maples?	16 Q Was that 9 million was that held in this
17 A Maples, just like Caledonian, just like a	17 checking account?
18 number of firms in the Cayman provided outside	18 A The \$9 million was carved out of the
19 independent director services to companies in the	19 premium and tracked separately.
20 Cayman. They also have a legal arm. They have a	20 As far as the specific cash dollars it
21 corporate services arm.	21 would have been commingled with any other cash
Q And you said during the time that Maples	22 that Sentinel had.
23 was providing directors they had a checking	Q And was all the cash held in the checking
24 account for Sentinel?	24 account at CIBC?
25 A They had a segregated account that they	25 A Correct.
1 held for Sentinel that was and they were able	72 1 Q In terms of if something was a risk
1 held for Sentinel that was and they were able 2 to disperse payments on behalf of Sentinel	1 Q In terms of it something was a risk 2 mitigation reimbursement or expense it would have
3 through.	3 just been coded as such in a ledger but the cash
4 Q During that time were all of the Sentinel	4 would have come from the same account
5 payments for reimbursement or expenses were they	5 A Correct.
6 coming out of the Maples account?	6 Q as the cash?
7 A That is correct.	o & as the cash.
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2 mitigation fees?	2 getting a bunch of invoices from Sentinel that
3 A There were some travel costs that came	3 needed processing?
4 through and paid under the risk mitigation fees.	4 A We get a lot of invoices from Sentinel so
5 Q And whose travel costs were those?	5 it's not out of the ordinary that we would receive
Q Do you know why those were paid out of the	Q So early 2020 doesn't stand out in any
8 risk mitigation fee?	8 way?
9 A We were informed that they related to the	9 A No.
10 defense of the UBS litigation matter.	10 Q And when you say that, Ms. Devins, "Do you
Q So that was the justification that was	11 have time to get approval," what did you mean by
12 given?	12 approval?
13 A Correct.	13 A To seek approval from the directors to
14 Q Who informed you of that?	14 process the invoices.
15 A Matt DiOrio.	15 Q So that was part of the process where you
Q And did the outside directors approve	16 had received them from Highland and from
17 those expenses?	17 Mr. DiOrio most likely and you were going to then
18 A They did.	18 turn around and seek approval from the outside
19 MR. BURT: Let's look at a couple of those	19 directors?
20 while we are talking about risk mitigation. Let	20 A That's correct.
21 me just find the right tab here. I believe it is	21 Q And then Ms. Devins responds in the top
22 Tab 48. 118.	22 e-mail
23 (Document marked Exhibit 118 for	MR. WELDON: I want to note my objection,
24 identification.)	24 you refer to Highland, but DiOrio was a director,
25	25 inside director for Sentinel. To the extent that
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1 them out. These are the three I have. Not sure	1 A I do.
2 if you have any additional invoices."	2 Q And then a \$21,991 expense for Browns
And the first attachment states SEN 200206	3 Hotel in London, do you see that?
4 Scott Ellington invoices for \$176,334.77, it's a	4 A I do.
5 PDF. Do you see that?	5 Q And Beecher had no insight into what these
6 A I do.	6 actually were, right?
7 Q And referring to that attachment which	7 A No.
8 begins the Bates ending 727324, do you see where I	8 If these were all under risk mitigation
9 am at?	9 they would have been our understanding is that
10 A Yes.	10 they would have been expenses related to the
11 Q And at the top it says Ellington expenses	11 insureds under the ATE policy and that all costs
12 London and Paris, total \$78,841.93.	12 related to the insureds were to be paid under
13 A Yes.	13 these risk mitigation fees.
Q Do you know what these requests were for?	14 Q So Beecher was relying on accurate
15 A It says risk mitigation fees, so I am not	15 information to come from Highland through
16 certain the nature of what these travel expenses	16 Mr. DiOrio?
17 related to.	17 A That is correct.
Q So that information specifically how they	(Document marked Exhibit 119 for
19 related to risk mitigation that was not provided	19 identification.)
20 at the time?	20 BY MR. BURT:
21 A No.	21 Q Showing you we will mark our next exhibit,
Q And as you look at this, starting on	22 keep that handy, that London trip from DiOrio, we
23 December 23, 2019, London Hilton Parklane is the	23 are going to do some comparison. This one I don't
24 first expense for \$388. The next expense is the	24 think you have seen before, what I just handed
25 Novikov Bar and Grill in London for \$1,397. Do	25 you, 119, is Bates labeled UBSPROD460936. And
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1 you see that?	1 it's a series of e-mails between Mr. Ellington and
2 A I do.	2 Ms. Sarah Goldsmith.
Q And then there is a payment at Claridge's	Do you know who Sarah Goldsmith is?
4 Hotel for \$2006.29 right underneath that. Do you	4 A I have never heard of her.
5 see that?	5 Q And underneath that, you see this is dated
6 A I do.	6 12th of December, 2019 at the top?
7 Q And you have no insight into what these	7 A Yes.
8 expenses actually were?	8 Q And underneath that on the attachment
9 A I do not.	9 it states London activities 2019 December PDF,
10 Q Looking down do you see a few rows down a	10 London dining 2019 December PDF, London festive
11 \$15,000 expense at Browns Hotel in London?	11 dining 2019 December. Do you see that?
12 A Yes.	12 A What page are you on?
Q Looking down a little bit more there is a	Q Just at the very top of the first page,
14 Four Seasons Hotel George V for \$7900, do you see	14 the attachments listed.
15 that one?	15 A Sorry, yes.
16 A Yes.	16 Q And then as you go down the first e-mail,
MR. WELDON: 7978, is that what you are	17 this affidavit in the chain appears to be from a
18 referring to?	18 Stephanie Archer to Mr. Ellington. Do you know
19 MR. BURT: \$7,978.46.	19 who Stephanie Archer is?
20 BY MR. BURT:	20 A I have never heard of her.
Q A few lines after that Park Chinois -	Q And her signature there as a licensed
22 London \$4,000 expense, do you see that?	22 Realtor at Allie, Beth, Allman & Associates in
23 A I do.	23 Dallas, Texas, do you see that?
Q There is some expense for \$716 at Sexy	24 A I do.
25 Fish London, do you see that?	Q Now, underneath that we see an e-mail from
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1 Ctor	when is Archenta Scott Ellington on		A I do see that.	83
_	phanie Archer to Scott Ellington on	1		
	cember 11, 2019, with the subject forward	2	Q On the next page, Christmas lights, she	
	ndon, do you see that? A I do.	3	lists a bunch of information and winter markets,	
		4	winter skating, a bunch of information for that.	
	And she writes there, "For you to approve	5	And then on the next page London restaurants and	
	change I would like to do Matilda the 26th at	6	there is a calendar from 22nd December, 2019	
	0 p.m., we leave for Paris the next morning, so	7	through January 2, 2020. Do you see that there? A I do.	
	ought we do room service that evening or	8		
	nething simple after the play. As for holiday als I would love to do Christmas dinner at	9	Q And then a bunch of restaurants, afternoon tea is listed for the next few pages. Do you see	
	ridges, Christmas Day lunch at Browns, New		all that?	
	ars dinner at Alain Ducasse at the Dorchester,	12		
	ond sitting preferably. I would love if	13		
	ners are planned at 7:00 p.m. as they are all		was provided to Beecher Carlson as part of the	
	redibly long." Do you see that? A I do.		request for reimbursement, correct?	
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	And Beecher had no insight into any of s, right?		O New looking at the colonder that we	
	A I have never seen this document before.	18		
			looked at that had the 22nd of December through	
	At the top of the next page Ms. Archer		January 1, keep that handy and let's look back at	
	tes, "As far as other activities I have in mind		the Ellington expense request in the previous	
	wer of London for Jack to tour, London Bridge,		exhibit and compare dates. According to the	
	de Park Winter Wonderland Market, Bond Street,		calendar they would arrive in London on the	
	Covenant Garden Christmas lights," and she		morning of the 22nd of December, and if you look	
25 lists	s the other dining she would like to try as	25	at the dates here the 22nd of December Scott's	
1 ,,,,,1	82	,	London is listed and then on the 23rd London	84
	ll, do you see that?	1		
	A I do.	2	Hilton Parklane, and the expenses begin there on	
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25 was a conversation we had.

A I do.

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1 Q And would that conversation have been	1 Q To include all of them?
2 around the February, 2020 timeframe when this was	2 A Right.
3 provided?	3 Q Got it.
4 A Yes.	So here Ms. Goldsmith says, "Matt, as
5 Q Most likely.	5 discussed earlier I am submitting the attached
6 Mr. Adamczak, having now seen the	6 expense reimbursement on behalf of Scott Ellington
7 London/Paris itinerary and what was happening I am	7 subject to review and approval by directors.
8 just going to ask what's your reaction to that	8 Please instruct reimbursement to Scott Ellington
9 sitting here today?	9 for the attached travel expenses. Total is
10 MR. WELDON: Objection.	10 \$318,938. Please let me know if you have any
You can answer.	11 additional questions. And then wire account
12 THE WITNESS: I don't know what to say.	12 information is provided from Scott Ellington and
13 BY MR. BURT:	13 his bank account at Wells Fargo." Do you see
14 Q It's news to you today sitting here?	14 that?
15 A It is.	15 A Yes.
Q It was never disclosed to you at the time?	16 Q And then in the e-mail above Mr. DiOrio
17 A No, it was not.	17 forwards it to you and Ms. Devins on Friday
18 (Document marked Exhibit 120 for	18 December 20, 2019, so this appears to be about a
19 identification.)	19 month and a half prior to the expenses that we
20 BY MR. BURT:	20 just looked at, the London and Paris?
21 Q Showing you what's been Bates labeled BC	21 A Uh-huh.
22 SEN0000663342 marked as Exhibit 120, go ahead and	Q And he says, "Hi guys, please submit the
23 take a look, a couple e-mails and an expense	23 attached expenses for approval and reimbursement.
24 report.	24 Just a heads up, settlement talks are cranking up
25 A Okay.	25 as we understand it so there will be an increase
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1 Q Looking at the bottom e-mail it is an	1 in travel expenses over the next few months.
2 e-mail from Sarah Goldsmith to Matt DiOrio both at	2 These are actually related to business development
3 SAS Management, cc'ing Connie and Scott Ellington	as we try to plan for potential world post-ATE."
4 at SAS Management for subject Ellington request	Do you recall receiving that e-mail from
5 reimbursement, do you see that?	5 Mr. DiOrio and hearing about settlement talks and
6 A I do.	6 potential world post-ATE in this timeframe?
7 Q Let me ask while we are looking at e-mail	7 A I do.
8 addresses, Mr. DiOrio is listed here as having an	8 Q What do you remember about that?
9 SAS Management e-mail address. Is that the e-mail	9 A I specifically had a discussion with him
10 address he typically used in communicating with	10 relating to these invoices just to understand the
11 you?	11 nature of business development costs and
12 A That is typically the e-mail address that	12 Mr. DiOrio explained to me that there was a
13 they would use. We were told that any e-mails	13 convention in Las Vegas that was the type of
14 that were coming from the Highland folks were	14 clientele that Highland Capital were looking at as
15 because it was a Cayman entity that they were	15 far as the next potential insurance programs that
16 representing they had to use the Cayman e-mail	16 they might be considering, so there was a lot of
17 address, which was the sasmanagement.com e-mail	17 wining and dining that went on in Las Vegas.
18 address.	18 Q Highland Capital was considering, is that
19 Q Did you at times receive e-mails from	19 right?
20 their Highland Capital accounts as well?	20 MR. WELDON: Objection.
21 A We would.	21 THE WITNESS: Highland Capital was
22 Q Even when it related to Sentinel business?	22 considering for Sentinel.
23 A We would. And then when I would reply I	23 BY MR. BURT:
24 would try to remember to put the SAS management	24 Q For Sentinel in particular?
25 e-mail.	25 A Correct.

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1 Q When he says post a potential world	1 and I believe your answer was no, is that right?	
2 post-ATE, did you discuss what he meant by that?	2 A That is correct.	
3 A It was understood at the time and it was	3 (Document marked Exhibit 121 for	
4 discussed in board meetings that because of the	4 identification.)	
5 magnitude of the ATE policy the potential exposure	5 BY MR. BURT:	
6 that was there they didn't want to write any	6 Q So now looking at Exhibit 121, you can	
7 additional policies through Sentinel until they	7 actually flip to the fourth physical page, and you	
8 got on the other side of that UBS litigation.	8 will see a document that has a file stamp, it has	
9 Q And when you say the potential the size	9 a case heading on it, do you see that?	
10 of the policy and the potential exposure, describe	10 A Yes.	
11 what you mean by that.	11 Q And the Bates at the bottom of that is	
12 A Potential exposure \$91 million of maximum	12 KL_0000036. And you see that this is a judgment	
13 loss on the policy.	13 in the Supreme Court of the State of New York in	
14 Q And did Sentinel have the assets to cover	14 the case of UBS Securities, LLC and another UBS	
15 that?	15 entity plaintiffs against Highland Capital	
16 A They did.	16 Management, LLP and a number of Highland entities,	
17 Q And in terms of the potential settlement	17 do you see that?	
18 that was being discussed, was it being discussed	18 A I do.	
19 that the ATE policy would cover that settlement?	19 Q And looking at that case caption are those	
20 A I do not know of any settlement talks	20 the is this the action that you understood to	
21 other than what Matt shared with us here.	21 be the event in the ATE policy?	
22 Q Did Mr. DiOrio share with you that the	22 A I believe so.	
23 judge the prior month had issued a ruling finding	23 Q Now, looking at Page 2 of this order or	
24 in favor totally for UBS?	24 this judgment the second paragraph begins with	
25 A He did not.	25 "and", do you see where I am?	
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1 Q Let's take a look at 55A. We are going to	1 A Yes.	
2 come back to that one so keep that handy.	2 Q It states, "And the Court having rendered	
3 A Are we done with the other ones?	3 a final decision and order after trial on	
4 Q You can set those ones aside for the	4 November 14, 2019 in which it found in favor of	
5 moment, yes.	5 Plaintiffs UBS Securities, LLC and UBS AG London	
6 MR. WELDON: Is this a good place to take	6 Branch on their third and fourth causes of actions	
7 a break?	7 against the counter-parties and dismissed	
8 MR. BURT: We can, yes, sure.	8 Defendant Highland Capital Management, LLP's	
9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of	9 counterclaims with prejudice."	
10 Disk No. 2 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak,	My question for you is did Mr. DiOrio make	
11 we are going off the record at 11:13.	11 you aware of the court order on November 14, 2019	
12 (Recess taken.)	12 finding in favor of UBS?	
13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins Disk No. 3	13 A I believe he had mentioned it and	
14 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak, we are going	14 indicated that there were appeals that were going	
15 back on the record at 11:27.	15 through.	
16 BY MR. BURT:	16 Q When did he first mention it to you?	
17 Q So, Mr. Adamczak, before the break we were	17 A I don't recall.	
18 looking at this e-mail that was forwarded to you	Q Looking at this December 20, 2019 e-mail	
19 from Mr. DiOrio for expense reimbursements from	19 in the previous exhibit do you know whether he had	
20 Mr. Ellington, and the date of that e-mail was	20 mentioned it to you around this time when he was	
21 December 20, 2019. Do you recall that?	21 sending these expense reimbursements along?	
22 A Yes.	22 A I don't believe so.	

23 Q So --

24 A I don't recall.

25 Q But your best estimate probably would have

23 Q Now, I believe I had asked you had

24 Mr. DiOrio informed you anything about a recent

25 court order in a UBS case finding in favor of UBS

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1	come sometime later?	1	was for loss reserves would be what the directors	
2	MR. WELDON: Objection.	2	approved to be recorded as a liability in	
3	THE WITNESS: I don't recall.	3	Sentinel's books.	
4	BY MR. BURT:	4	Q We will come back to that. We will come	
5	Q What did he say about appeals?	5	back to that in a couple of minutes.	
6	A He didn't really have a lot of information	6	So looking back at Exhibit I think it is	
7	related to the process or where it was, but they	7	120, the expense reimbursement request, if we look	
8	were trying to appeal.	8	at the actual attachment, the expense report of	
9	Q Do you know if appeals were ever taken?	9	Mr. Ellington, dated December 19, 2019 for a total	
10		1.	of \$318,934.88, here it doesn't have a listing of	
11			risk mitigation or business development included	
	Highland about the judgment entered against them?		in this report. Do you know how this would have	
13			been accounted for?	
	in January to March, so post-year end, we would have discussion with the actuary and include J.P.,	14	<u>-</u>	
			development expenses.	
	Matt, and Isaac Leventon to try to determine the	16		
	scenarios for the outcome of the case and with the		7 it was risk mitigation or business development it	
	end goal being to determine what the loss,		was coming out of the same Sentinel checking	
	ultimate loss, would end up being that Sentinel		account, right?	
20	would record in their financial statements.	20		
21		21		
22	this judgment had come down?	22	2 it was included in the ledger whether it was a	
23	A We would have had a discussion in sometime	23	business development?	
24	between January and March of 2020.	24	A Correct.	
25	Q Do you recall anything about that	25	Q Or risk mitigation, okay.	
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1	discussion, what was discussed?	1	MR. WELDON: Objection.	
2	A I don't, other than potential outcomes and	2	BY MR. BURT:	
3	with the attempt to try and assign weights to that	3	Q Is that right?	
4	for calculating the loss reserves.	4	A That is correct.	
5	Q What if anything do you recall about what	5	MR. WELDON: Objection.	
6	Mr. Sevilla or Leventon said about the potential			
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1 '	outcomes?	1	BY MR. BURT:	
8		6 7	BY MR. BURT: Q Here if we look at these expenses you see,	
8	A I don't recall anything specific.	6 7 8	BY MR. BURT: Q Here if we look at these expenses you see, for example, on December 12, 2019 a charge of	
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2 Q There is charges at an Omnia Las Vegas.	2 Q And you recall sending that?
3 Do you know what Omnia is?	3 A I do.
4 A No.	4 Q And what raised your concern there?
Q No one ever told you what it was?	5 A The fact that there was \$318,000 worth of
6 A No.	6 expenses at first, but there was a significant
7 Q And if I were to represent to you that it	7 amount of that seemed to be club-related.
8 was a nightclub, would that be news to you?	8 Q Was it after that that you had the
9 A No.	9 conversation with Mr. DiOrio?
10 Q Did you have an understanding?	10 A Correct.
A I did not. That wasn't one that I	11 Q So you tried to do some more diligence on
12 particularly looked at. I think I might have	12 this?
13 looked at the Sapphire expense and questioned	13 A I did.
14 that.	Q And the answer that you were given was
Q And what do you understand Sapphire to be?	15 A Business development.
A A typical Las Vegas strip club.	16 Q Business development.
17 Q Did you look at that at the time?	And then was this sent on to the directors
18 A I did.	18 for approval?
19 Q And you asked Mr. DiOrio specifically	19 A It was.
20 about that?	20 Q And do you know if the directors approved
21 A I did.	21 it?
Q And his answer was that it was business	22 A Ultimately they did, but they also
23 development?	23 questioned it.
A They were all business development, this	Q What did they question?A They requested the nature of those
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THE WITNESS: To my knowledge, yes.	THE WITNESS: Correct.
3 BY MR. BURT:	3 BY MR. BURT:
4 Q I just want to look at one more of these	Q Did Ms. Vitiello attend the meeting?
5 expense requests, give me one moment.6 Mark this as 122.	5 A Who?
	Q Stephanie Vitiello.
7 (Document marked Exhibit 122 for identification.)	A I think she did, and that was the only reference to her that I have seen.
9 BY MR. BURT:	9 Q In regards to this CIMA meeting?
10 Q Showing what has been marked as	10 A Her existence anywhere within Sentinel
11 Exhibit 122 BC SEN000662367, are you ready,	11 operations.
12 Mr. Adamczak?	12 Q Do you know whether they traveled by
13 A Yes.	13 private jet?
Q So the first-in-time e-mail here from	14 A I do not know.
15 Matt DiOrio to you dated July 2, 2019, submitting	15 Q Are you aware of any instances in which
16 the below for approval and the below appears to be	16 Highland employees traveled by private jet to the
17 a Sentinel expense reimbursement related to travel	17 Caymans?
18 for a CIMA meeting on June 25, 2019, do you see	18 A To the Caymans? Not necessarily. But I
19 that?	19 do know that they have had chartered flights for
20 A Yes.	20 other meetings.
21 Q The amount being \$4,615.90.	21 Q Did they seek reimbursement from Sentinel
What CIMA meeting, if you recall, was	22 for those?
23 occurring in June of 2019?	23 A Yes.
A So in connection with the CIMA inspection	Q What do you know about those flights?
25 CIMA specifically had questions related to the	A I believe there was one flight, it might
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1 investments and how they fit into Sentinel's	1 have been the Toronto flight, that was
2 investment policy. So this was a meeting at the	2 actually, I don't even know that this one took
3 request of the directors with CIMA to specifically	3 place.
4 cover the investments.	4 There was a fee that came through for a
5 Q And which directors attended?	5 chartered flight that the trip ended never
A I believe all of them had.	6 ended up taking place so the funds were
7 Q Did Mr. Sevilla attend as well?	7 reimbursed.
8 A I believe he did as well.	Q In this e-mail Jonathan Arbeit also
9 Q Did Ms. Irving attend?	9 appears. Who is that?
10 A I believe she did.	10 A He was an employee of mine.
11 Q Mr. Leventon?	Q Working on the Sentinel account?
12 A I don't think so.	12 A Correct.
13 Q Do you know if Mr. Dondero or Ellington	12 0 1-1
	Q Is he still?
14 appeared?	14 A No.
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1 No recollection of that?	1 Q Do you know how that indemnification came
2 A I don't.	2 to be?
Q Do you recall if you clicked on the link	3 A I don't.
4 that you sent?	Q What was told to you strike that.
5 A I don't remember.	When did you first learn about the
6 (Document marked Exhibit 123 for	6 indemnification agreement?
7 identification.)	A Matt had mentioned it to us I think at the
8 BY MR. BURT:	8 time that they were putting that in place, but it
9 Q Handing you Exhibit 122 or 123.	9 didn't it didn't I didn't see anything more
10 I will represent to you, Mr. Adamczak,	10 about it until months later when I actually saw a
11 this is the link that was clicked on or that was	11 copy of the agreement.
12 included by Mr. Arbeit. It is for a 2006 Italian	Q What did Matt say when he first mentioned
13 wine and it lists various prices for that.	13 it to you?
Did you know that Mr. DiOrio was seeking	14 A That they were putting this in place to
15 reimbursement for expensive bottles of wine?	15 cover the expenses for the employees. I don't
16 A Is that what this \$4,000 is?	16 remember anything more than that.
17 Q Well, I am asking you.	Q To cover the legal expenses in particular?
18 A I don't. I don't remember, no.	18 A Legal expenses, yes.
19 Q We are going off of what Mr. Arbeit	19 Q Which employees?
20 included here, it says "it looks like they	20 A I believe the agreement specified which
21 overpaid a lot" in the link. That doesn't ring a	21 employees, but I don't recall.
22 bell?	22 Q Mr. DiOrio is covered?
23 A It does not.	A He was on the list, yes.
Q So you were not aware at the time that	Q Was Mr. Sevilla?
25 they were seeking reimbursement for bottles of	25 A I don't recall.
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wine in the thousands of dollars?	1 Q Do you recall if if I go through names
2 MR. WELDON: Objection.	2 would you be able to recall?
THE WITNESS: No.	3 A I would just be guessing.
4 BY MR. BURT:	4 Q Okay.
5 Q They didn't tell you that?	5 MR. WELDON: We don't want you to guess or
6 A No.	6 speculate.
7 Q There is one other type of expense I want	7 BY MR. BURT:
8 to briefly talk about.	8 Q Do you know who approved the
What if anything, Mr. Adamczak, do you	9 indemnification agreement?
10 know about Sentinel indemnifying former Highland	10 A I believe the directors may have.
11 employees?	11 Q Was Mr. DiOrio still a director at the
12 A I know of an indemnification agreement	12 time?
13 related to former Highland employees that worked	13 A He was.
14 on Sentinel.	14 Q Who drafted it?
15 Q Does Beecher have a copy of that	15 A I don't recall. I don't know that I knew.
16 indemnification agreement?	16 Q Are they being paid out of that same
17 A I believe they do.	17 Sentinel checking account at CIBC, the expenses
18 Q And have you seen that?	18 related to the indemnification agreement?
19 A I have.	19 MR. WELDON: Objection.
20 Q What does it provide?	20 THE WITNESS: There were no expenses paid
21 A I believe it's covering indemnification of	21 directly to the employees that I am aware of. I
22 legal expenses for those employees.	22 believe the only expenses would have come through
23 Q Legal expenses related to what?	23 as legal fees, maybe a retainer.
A Related to deposition subpoenas, court	24 BY MR. BURT:
25 proceedings related to the UBS litigation matter.	25 Q For various law firms and lawyers?

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1 A Yes.	1 0000074288, are you ready, Mr. Adamczak?
2 Q Do those invoices still come to Beecher	2 A Yes.
3 for processing?	3 Q So what I actually want to look at is the
4 A I haven't seen any recently.	4 bottom e-mail on the first page from
5 Q When was the last time you saw one?	5 Gareth Pereira dated the 24th of June, 2021 to
6 A I believe it was just a retainer upfront,	6 Casey McDonald. We have spoken about Mr. Pereira,
7 and I don't remember the name of the law firm.	7 but who is Mr. McDonald?
8 Q That's the only request for reimbursement	8 A Mr. McDonald is one of the current
9 or for payment that you have seen related to the	9 directors of Sentinel and he is an outside
10 indemnification agreement?	10 independent director.
11 A As far as I know.	11 Q When was he appointed?
12 Q As far as as the corporate	12 A Shortly before this e-mail.
13 representative of Beecher as far as Beecher is	13 Q So in the April, May timeframe?
14 aware just the retainer?	14 A I want to say probably final approval came
15 A That is correct.	15 through in early June maybe.
16 Q Do you was that paid, that retainer?	16 Q 2021?
17 A Yes.	17 A '21, yes.
Q Was it classified as a risk mitigation	18 Q Do you know who appointed him?
19 expense?	19 A Matt DiOrio as the current then current
20 A I do not recall. I believe it would have	20 remaining director on the Sentinel board.
21 been, but I don't recall.	21 Q Was he still a member of the Sentinel
Q So if any of those if any further	22 board at that time?
23 expenses have been submitted and paid that would	23 A At the time that he was appointed, yes.
24 have been Beecher would not have knowledge of	24 They didn't want to have all the directors resign
25 that? I just want to make sure I am understanding	25 at the same time because that would leave the
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1 that right.	1 company with no directors.
A We have seen a lot of legal bills come	2 Q When did Mr. DiOrio leave the board,
3 through Sentinel, so it's possible there could	3 resign from the board?
4 have been some other ones that I am just not	4 A It was probably early June. It would have
5 remembering. There were a lot of legal bills.	5 been right after the formal approval by CIMA of
6 Q Aside from the indemnification ones, what	6 the new directors.
7 other types of legal bills are coming from	7 Q Do you know if Mr. DiOrio was still
8 Sentinel?	8 working for Highland at that time?
9 A There is the legal bills for Collas Crill	9 A He told us that he was no longer working
10 who is Sentinel's attorney, and then all the other	10 for Highland.
11 law firms that they have worked with, whether they	11 Q But was still a board member of Sentinel?
12 were related to the UBS matter or not.	12 A Correct.
13 Q And those continue to come to Beecher?	13 Q Do you know what diligence went into
14 A I don't remember which ones we have seen	14 finding Mr. McDonald?
15 recently, but they do the only way that they	15 A I do not.
16 can be paid through Sentinel is if they come	16 Q It is a name that Mr. DiOrio presented?
17 through Beecher.	17 A I don't remember who presented his name.
MR. BURT: 124 I believe.	18 Q I think you testified earlier that DiOrio
110 (Decument marked Exhibit 124 for	19 appointed him as a director, is that right?
19 (Document marked Exhibit 124 for	lan a war war are an are an are
20 identification.)	20 A I believe that is how it went.
 identification.) THE WITNESS: Are we finished with these 	21 Q Also included in the cc column in this
20 identification.) 21 THE WITNESS: Are we finished with these 22 documents?	21 Q Also included in the cc column in this 22 e-mail is a Kenny Wade at the same Calderwood
 identification.) THE WITNESS: Are we finished with these documents? MR. BURT: You can set those aside. 	21 Q Also included in the cc column in this 22 e-mail is a Kenny Wade at the same Calderwood 23 entity. Do you know what that is?
20 identification.) 21 THE WITNESS: Are we finished with these 22 documents?	21 Q Also included in the cc column in this 22 e-mail is a Kenny Wade at the same Calderwood

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1 A The same time that Mr. McDonald was.	119
	1 Q And so then Mr. DiOrio yes, Mr. DiOrio 2 responds at the top e-mail, it says, 'This is an
4 Q And then there is a Stephen Leontsinis at	
5 Collas Crill. Do you know who that is?	5 included, a while back and it relates to our
6 A He is the attorney for Sentinel.	6 defense with respect to today's hearing that I
7 Q And Matt DiOrio at a gmail account, do you	7 mentioned." Do you see that?
8 recognize that to be his personal gmail account?	8 A I do.
9 A That was the e-mail account that he was	9 Q Do you know what hearing he was referring
10 using since he left Highland.	10 to?
11 Q He no longer used an SAS account either?	11 A I do not.
12 A No.	12 Q And is this the indemnification agreement
13 Q And then there is a J.S. de Jager, CSI.	13 that we have been discussing?
14 Do you know what that is?	14 A I believe that's correct.
15 A J.S. is the third independent director.	15 Q Now, Mr. McDonald had requested if this
16 He was appointed shortly after Mr. McDonald and	16 comes out of the pre-fund mitigation risk balance.
17 Mr. Kenny were appointed.	17 It doesn't appear that Mr. DiOrio directly
18 Q Who appointed Mr. de Jager?	18 responded to that question, but is it your
19 A I don't remember, but Mr. McDonald and	19 understanding that that is where the
20 Mr. Kenny may have.	20 reimbursements are coming from?
21 Q And then you and Mr. Price are also on	21 MR. WELDON: Objection.
22 this e-mail, do you see that?	22 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
23 A Correct.	23 BY MR. BURT:
24 Q Here Mr. Pereira writes, 'Good morning,	24 Q Do you know specifically what matter these
25 Casey. Following on from last week please can you	25 former employees were indemnified for?
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1 provide your approval through e-mail and also	1 A I assumed it related to the UBS
2 release the following payments that have been set	2 litigation.
3 up in CIBC for Sentinel. There is a Ross & Smith	3 Q Are you aware of any directions from CIMA
4 legal expense for \$75,854.90 and Q3 Beecher	4 that are currently in place regarding payments of
5 Carlson Captive Management fee of 15,000, is that	5 expenses and things of that nature?
6 right? And Risk International Actuarial expense	6 A CIMA had requested that Sentinel refrain
7 of 7500."	7 from making any payments and disposing of any of
8 A Correct.	8 the assets.
9 Q Do you recall this request coming from	9 Q When did CIMA make that request?
10 Mr. Pereira?	10 A I don't remember the date.
11 A I do.	11 Q Was it in 2021?
12 Q What do you remember about it?	12 A I believe it was in 2021.
13 A This is the typical expense request where	13 Q Was it before these requests for
14 we would provide the invoices to the directors for	14 reimbursement came in?
15 their approval and release in the CIBC system.	15 A I don't believe so, but I don't remember.
16 Q And then Mr. McDonald responds, 'Thanks,	16 Q Are you aware of CIMA issuing a retraining
17 Gareth. I can go in and approve, but as Wade and	17 notice or restraint on Sentinel from dispersing
18 I don't have any visibility into the legal bill I	18 any funds whatsoever?
19 appreciate Matt confirming it is all in order and	19 A Yes, that's what I was referring to.
20 should be settled. As it's for U.S. counsel am I	20 Q That's what you were referring to, okay.
21 right in thinking it is coming out of the pre-fund	21 A Yes.
22 mitigation balance or is there any additional	22 Q And to your knowledge has Sentinel adhered
23 background we can get on the expenses?" Do you	23 to that since receiving it?
24 see that?	-
25 A I do.	24 A Beecher sought clarification from CIMA 25 whether they intended us to not pay any service

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121 1 providers and let everything lapse or if they	1 relationship between any of the current or former	123
wanted to at least continue the operations and	2 Sentinel independent directors and Mr. Dondero and	
3 they specified that we could continue paying	3 Mr. Ellington?	
4 normal business expenses.	4 A The independent directors?	
5 Q Was that in a written response to Beecher?	5 Q Uh-huh.	
	1 2	
<u> </u>		
8 A Clayton.	8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the	
9 Q Clayton, all right. 10 Would indemnification reimbursement	9 record, the time is 12:05.	
	10 (Lunch recess taken.)	
11 expenses fall within those types of payments that	11	
12 are still being paid?	12	
13 A I don't recall this being before that	13	
14 cease and desist, whatever you termed it as.	14	
15 Q The restraint?	15	
16 A The restraint.	16	
17 Q Setting this document aside, just in	17	
18 general after receiving that restraint and	18	
19 receiving the clarification about paying sort of	19	
20 the normal course payments to service providers,	20	
21 would legal expense reimbursements for the	21	
22 indemnified employees fall within that category of	22	
23 expenses that could still be paid?	23	
24 A I don't know.	24	
25 Q Beecher doesn't know one way or the other?	25	
122	1 AFTERNOON SESSION	124
1 A It would be up to the directors to make	1 AFTERNOON SESSION	
2 that call.	2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going back on	
Q What types of expenses are on hold and	3 the record, the time is 1:01.	
4 restrained that Sentinel is not making?	4 (Document marked Exhibit 125 for	
5 A Sentinel is not disposing of any of the	5 identification.)	
6 assets currently, so any where they had	6 BY MR. BURT:	
7 originally planned on selling some of the	Q I am showing you, Mr. Adamczak,	
8 securities or liquidating securities they have	8 Exhibit 125, which is produced by Highland Capital	
9 foregone any decisions to do that in the near	9 Management and has an e-mail and attachment. Go	
10 term.	10 ahead and take a look at that.	
11 Q Who had made the decision to liquidate	11 A I am all set.	
12 securities?	12 Q What do you recognize the attachment to	
13 A The directors had originally.	13 be?	
14 Q At what time was that decision made?	14 A This is the ATE policy.	
15 A Sometime in the summer of 2021.	15 Q Now, we have been talking a lot about ATE	
16 Q So it was the new directors?	16 policy. Can you describe what an ATE policy is?	
17 A The new directors.	17 A ATE is after the event, it's a legal	
18 Q Who wanted to liquidate certain assets?	18 liability insurance policy covering a negative	
19 A Correct.	19 outcome on a particular matter.	
20 Q But that's on hold?	20 Q Does Beecher have any other clients that	
21 A Correct.	21 issue ATE policies?	
MR. WELDON: Good place to stop?	22 A No.	
23 MR. BURT: One more question.	Q Sentinel is the only one?	
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24 BY MR. BURT: 25 Q Are you aware of any connection or	24 A The only one that I am aware of. 25 Q And how many ATE policies did Sentinel	

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1 produce?	1 Q If you look down in the legal action row,
A Just one.	2 do you see that?
Q And it's this one we are looking at here?	3 A Yes.
4 A Correct.	Q It lists the title of the legal action and
Q I believe you testified earlier that the	5 the case number, and if you look at the entities
6 event referred to in this policy is the UBS	6 whom UBS is suing it includes Highland Capital
7 litigation against Highland Capital and the	7 Management, LP, which is not an insured, correct?
8 various Highland entities?	8 A Correct.
9 A Correct.	9 Q It includes Highland Special Opportunities
Q And you are familiar with this document,	10 Holding Company, which is an insured, correct?
11 you have seen it before?	11 A Correct.
12 A I have.	12 Q It includes Highland Financial Partners,
13 Q Let's flip to the schedule of this	13 LP, which is not an insured, correct?
14 document near the very end, the last two pages is	14 A Correct.
15 what I am going to look at, and listed here is the	Q And it includes Highland CDO Opportunity
16 schedule of the ATE policy and the insurer is	16 Master Fund LP, which is an insured, correct?
17 listed as Sentinel Reinsurance Limited, correct?	17 A Correct.
18 A Correct.	18 Q It includes Highland Credit Opportunities
19 Q The insured are three entities, Highland	19 CDO, LP and Strand Advisors, neither of which are
20 CDO Master Fund LP, Highland CDO Holding Company,	20 insureds, correct?
21 and Highland Special Opportunities Holding	21 A Correct.
22 Company, do you see that?	Q Not listed in that legal action was
23 A Yes.	23 Highland CDO Holding Company, the middle of the
24 Q Do you know how it was decided that these	24 three insureds up above, do you see that?
25 three entities should be the insured?	25 A Yes.
126 1 A At the direction of J.P. Sevilla.	128 1 Q Was that known to Beecher at the time?
Q What direction specifically did he give?	2 A It may have been, but it would have if 3 we asked we would have assumed or been under the
A That these would be the insureds on the	
4 policy.	4 assumption that it was part of the affiliation of
Q When did he give that?	5 those entities whether a subsidiary of those
A When the policy was drafted.	6 entities or some relation that was covered under
7 Q Which was when?	7 that.
8 A Prior to August 1, 2017.	8 Q And that would have been told to you by
Q Did he ever mention that there were other	9 Mr. Sevilla?
10 entities involved in the UBS other Highland	10 A Correct.
11 entities involved in the UBS litigation that would	Q Now, I want to actually talk about that
12 not be insured?	12 for a moment.
13 A Not to my knowledge.	The affiliation of these entities, what
Q Did he represent that these three entities	14 was Beecher's understanding of how all these
15 were all in the litigation?	15 entities were related?
16 A Could you clarify?	16 A They were either subsidiaries of Highland
17 Q Sure.	17 Capital Management or funds that Highland Capital
So it lists three entities. Did	18 Management managed.
19 Mr. Sevilla tell Beecher that these three	19 Q That was known to Beecher, that fact that
20 entities, the insureds, are all part of the UBS	20 these were all affiliated?
21 litigation?	21 A That was our understanding.
A That's our understanding, yes.	Q Based on what Mr. Sevilla told you?
23 Q Did Beecher ever check to see if that was	23 A Correct.
24 correct?	24 Q So from Beecher's perspective it wouldn't
25 A No.	25 make any difference to the efficacy of the policy

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1 that one of the insured's was not part of the	1 A None.
2 event in the after the event policy?	2 Q Did any of the directors did any of the
3 A I don't know.	3 outside directors have any role in putting the
4 Q Let me rephrase it.	4 policy together?
Because it was an affiliated entity with	5 A At the time that this policy was put in
6 the other Highland entities it was not of a	6 place there were only outside directors.
7 concern to Beecher at the time that it wasn't	7 Q And none of them had any role in putting
8 named as a defendant in the event, the litigation?	8 it together?
9 MR. WELDON: Objection.	9 MR. WELDON: Objection.
THE WITNESS: I don't believe so.	THE WITNESS: No.
11 BY MR. BURT:	11 BY MR. BURT:
12 Q Did Beecher ever ask why ever ask	Q The insureds are listed as, again, as we
13 Mr. Sevilla why the other defendants weren't being	13 just read, the three Highland entities, and each
14 included as insureds?	14 of them is signed for by James Dondero as
15 A Not to my knowledge.	15 president or director, do you see that?
16 Q Why not?	16 A I do.
17 A I don't know.	Q What was Beecher's understanding at the
18 Q Would it be fair to say that Beecher was	18 time of Mr. Dondero's role with respect to those
19 just following what Mr. Sevilla told it to do?	19 Highland entities?
20 MR. WELDON: Objection.	20 A That he had authority to act on each of
21 THE WITNESS: I don't know.	21 those entities as president or CEO or whatever his
22 BY MR. BURT:	22 role was with Highland Capital.
Q The court in which this case is pending is	Q Who told you that?
24 the Supreme Court of the State of New York, lists	24 A I don't believe anyone told us, it was
25 the opponent, and then it lists the limit of	25 probably assumed.
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1 indemnity, and that is listed as \$100 million in	1 Q Mr. Sevilla didn't explain why Mr. Dondero
2 the aggregate, do you see that?	2 was signing?
3 A Yes.	A He may have. I don't remember.
4 Q Payment date for premium is listed as	We have seen Mr. Dondero's name on a
5 August 31, 2017 and the premium is listed as	5 number of documents so it's not uncommon to see
6 \$25 million, do you see that?	6 him related to Highland Capital.
7 A Yes.	7 Q So the understanding of Beecher at the
8 Q And I want to come back to how both of	8 time let me make sure I get this right.
9 those figures were arrived at, but before we do,	9 With Highland Capital Management, LP was
10 looking at the next page the signature page for	10 it Beecher's understanding that of that entity
11 the insurer and the insureds, first, insurer,	11 Mr. Dondero was the CEO or president?
12 Andrew Dean signed for Sentinel, is that right?	12 MR. WELDON: Objection.
13 A Correct.	13 THE WITNESS: Yes.
Q And is it correct that he was a director	14 BY MR. BURT:
15 of Sentinel at the time?	15 Q And that as president or CEO of that
16 A Correct.	16 entity, the Highland Capital Management, LP, he
17 Q Did he work for one of those agencies or	17 had authority to sign for the various Highland
1 / V Did no work for one of those agencies of	
	IX entities underneath it?
18 groups that provided	18 entities underneath it?
18 groups that provided 19 A Maples.	19 MR. WELDON: Objection.
 18 groups that provided 19 A Maples. 20 Q He worked for Maples. 	19 MR. WELDON: Objection. 20 THE WITNESS: Yes.
 18 groups that provided 19 A Maples. 20 Q He worked for Maples. 21 How long did Mr. Dean serve as a director? 	19 MR. WELDON: Objection. 20 THE WITNESS: Yes. 21 BY MR. BURT:
 18 groups that provided 19 A Maples. 20 Q He worked for Maples. 21 How long did Mr. Dean serve as a director? 22 A From 2015-ish to 2018. 	 MR. WELDON: Objection. THE WITNESS: Yes. BY MR. BURT: Q Did Beecher have any understanding
 18 groups that provided 19 A Maples. 20 Q He worked for Maples. 21 How long did Mr. Dean serve as a director? 22 A From 2015-ish to 2018. 23 Q What role to your knowledge or to 	19 MR. WELDON: Objection. 20 THE WITNESS: Yes. 21 BY MR. BURT: 22 Q Did Beecher have any understanding 23 strike that. I will come back to that.
 18 groups that provided 19 A Maples. 20 Q He worked for Maples. 21 How long did Mr. Dean serve as a director? 22 A From 2015-ish to 2018. 	 MR. WELDON: Objection. THE WITNESS: Yes. BY MR. BURT: Q Did Beecher have any understanding

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1 describe how that figure was arrived at?	1 A The assumptions that were used in the
A It was actuarially sorry, the 100	2 model.
3 million?	Were the assumptions provided to
4 Q The 100 million limit of indemnity.	4 Mr. Stubbs by Mr. Kranz and Mr. Sevilla?
A It was the figure that Mr. Sevilla had	5 A Correct.
6 given us.	Q So is it correct to say that let me ask
7 Q Had he ever provided other figures that he	7 it this way.
8 was considering?	Is it right that the amount of the premium
9 A 80 million and I believe I have seen 120	9 depended on the assumptions provided?
10 million.	10 A The way that the actuarial modeling worked
11 Q When did Mr. Sevilla start providing these	11 was whatever the outcomes were and the exposure
12 possible limits of indemnity figures?	12 and the probability of secession that would factor
13 A At the time that they were discussing	13 in to the calculation to determine the ultimate
14 writing the policy.	14 premium that would be paid.
15 Q And thinking back to before lunch, was	15 Q And those calculations were done by
16 that in early 2017?	16 Mr. Stubbs?
17 A Early 2017.	17 A Correct.
18 Q And that was when Mr. Kranz and	18 Q Do you recall this issue of how the
19 Mr. Sevilla were talking about it?	19 premium was set being raised by CIMA in their 2019
20 A Correct.	20 audit of Sentinel?
	21 A In what way?
Q Do you know or did Beecher know where these numbers were coming from, why these amounts?	Q Did they have questions about it, how the
A I think it was based on the premium that	23 premium was determined?
24 they were willing to pay and the exposure that	A They may have. I don't remember.
25 they were willing to put into the captive.	25 Q I will show you a document that maybe will
134	136 1 refresh. Mark this as 126.
1 Q When you say exposure willing to put in, 2 what does that mean?	
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Mr. Jason D. Stubbs of Risk International, the	1 A I have never heard of Neil Horner.
licensee's actuary. During the interview	2 Q And what role did Paul Scrivener play in
Mr. Stubbs informed the authority that he was not	3 the June, 2017 timeframe with respect
involved in the determination of premium pricing	4 A Hold on, let me catch up.
for the licensee to any extent at all but rather	5 Q Sure.
his role was limited to technical reserving. He	6 A We are on Page 3 or 2?
added that his involvement arose after premium	7 Q Page 3, the June 12, 2017 e-mail.
decisions had been finalized by the licensee. The	8 A Yes, I am with you.
authority notes with concern that the management's	9 Q The subject of this e-mail is the draft
10 assertion that the ATE policy premium of U.S.	10 ATE policy, and my question is what role
25,000,000 was established based on a pricing	11 Mr. Scrivener played with that, with the ATE
12 study conducted by the licensee's actuary	12 policy.
3 contradicts the actuary's position."	13 A What was the question again?
Were you aware of that finding of the	14 Q No problem.
15 authority?	The question was what role did
A It states here that that is the case, so I	16 Mr. Scrivener play with respect to the ATE policy?
17 was aware.	17 A I believe we had contacted Solomon Harris
18 Q Do you disagree with that finding?	18 along with a number of legal firms to provide
19 A I disagree with the fact that there were	19 guidance in terms of drafting the ATE policy.
20 discussions with Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Kranz and	20 Q Around here in the third paragraph that
21 Mr. Sevilla regarding pricing analysis. The	21 begins with "the insurer here", do you see that?
22 pricing analysis was never formally finalized, so	22 A Yes.
23 from the standpoint of Mr. Stubbs response maybe	Q It says, "The insurer here, Sentinel
24 that's true because it wasn't formalized.	24 Reinsurance Limited, or Sentinel, is a Cayman
Q I guess what I am trying to understand is	25 licensed insurer and is affiliated with both a
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the timing in arriving at the figure. Did that	1 litigation funding business and a U.S. hedge fund
2 figure come prepackaged by Mr. Sevilla to	2 management company." Do you see that?
3 Mr. Stubbs say I want a policy with around a	3 A Yes.
premium of 25 million, make it work, or did	4 Q And that's consistent with Beecher's
5 Mr. Stubbs arrive at that figure independently?	5 understanding as well, correct, that Sentinel was
A I was not part of those discussions so I	affiliated with both the litigation funding
7 do not know.	7 business and the U.S. hedge fund management
Q Well, how about Beecher, as Beecher's	8 company or Highland?
O corporate representative do you know?	9 A Directly affiliated with litigation
10 A I do not know.	10 funding business through the Sentinel structure
11 Q Let's look at a few other documents maybe	11 and affiliated with the U.S. hedge fund management
2 that will help here.	12 company through common ownership.
(Document marked Exhibit 127 for	Q And that was Highland Capital was the U.S.
identification.)	14 hedge fund company, right?
15 BY MR. BURT:	MR. WELDON: Objection.
Q I am showing you what's been marked as	16 THE WITNESS: Correct.
7 Exhibit 127 Bates number BC SEN00007459020. And	17 BY MR. BURT:
8 I'd like to draw your attention first to the	18 Q And the common ownership being
9 second-in-time e-mail which is on the third page,	19 James Dondero and Scott Ellington?
20 it's an e-mail from Paul Scrivener to Neil Horner,	20 A Correct.
21 cc'ing J.P. Sevilla, Pete Kranz, and Robert	Q So James Dondero and Scott Ellington are
22 Humphries.	22 the owners of the U.S. hedge fund management
First, do you know what Paul Scrivener is?	23 company or Highland Capital Management, correct?
A He was an attorney with Solomon Harris.	24 MR. WELDON: Objection.
Q And who was Neil Horner?	25 THE WITNESS: I don't know to what extent

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1 they own Highland Capital Management.	Q Is that consistent with Beecher's
2 BY MR. BURT:	2 understanding at the time that the total assets of
Q I believe you just testified when I asked	the funds to be insured have an NAV of around
4 the common ownership being James Dondero and	4 100 million?
5 Scott Ellington and you said correct.	MR. WELDON: Objection.
6 A I don't know how much ownership they had	6 THE WITNESS: No.
7 of it, but it was our assumption that they had	7 BY MR. BURT:
8 some ownership.	8 Q What was Beecher's understanding?
9 Q Of Highland?	9 A That the fair value was undetermined.
10 A Yes.	Q So in June of 2017 it was unknown as far
11 Q And did Mr. Sevilla ever tell you that?	11 as Beecher was aware of
12 A No.	12 A Correct.
13 Q How about Mr. DiOrio?	13 Q of the value?
14 A No.	Do you have any idea where Mr. Scrivener
15 Q No one from Highland ever told you that?	15 may have gotten that figure?
16 A Maybe did it, I don't remember.	16 A I don't know.
17 Q So then he says, "Sentinel in the	17 Q And he says here that strike that. All
18 litigation funding business are existing clients	18 right.
19 of Solomon Harris, I understand that this policy	He says, "There is scope for a settlement
20 will be the first third-party business written by	20 still, the deal that Sentinel has reached with the
21 Sentinel with Sentinel initially set up to insure	21 funds is that for a premium of U.S. 20 million
22 or reinsurer certain group risks."	22 Sentinel will provide cover of up to 85 million on
Do you know what he meant by third-party	23 either, one, judgment against the funds or, two,
24 business written by Sentinel?	24 settlement being reached."
25 A Third-party business being not the parent	So here we see him talking about a premium
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1 risks.	of 20 million and a cover of up to 85 million. Is
Q I am not sure I understand that, what do	2 that consistent with Beecher's understanding in
3 you mean by that?	June of 2017 that those were the figures being
4 A It is not if it is in a direct line	4 considered?
5 with the ownership, the parents, it would be	MR. WELDON: Objection.
6 affiliated risk. If it's a sister company or some	6 THE WITNESS: Yes.
7 distant relationship it would fall under the	7 BY MR. BURT:
8 third-party risk.	Q And where did those figures come from?
9 Q I see.	A Through the discussions with the actuary.
So the fact that it had common ownership	Q So Beecher's testimony would be that the
11 didn't mean that it was first-party business it	11 actuary had provided both the \$25 million figure
12 could still be called third-party business?	12 and the \$85 million figure?
13 A Correct.	13 A I know there was a discussion between
Q Then he writes in the next paragraph, "The	14 J.P., Pete, and Jason Stubbs to prepare the
15 insureds under this policy will be Cayman and	15 premium pricing model, and that was the outcome of
16 Bermuda hedge funds that are currently embroiled	16 the draft premium pricing model that was provided.
17 in well-advanced litigation as defendants. The	17 Q And, again, the assumptions that went into
18 matter is set down for trial in August/September	18 that model were provided by Mr. Sevilla and
19 of this year. The total potential exposure in the	19 Mr. Kranz?
20 litigation is in the order of U.S. 500 million and	20 A That is my understanding.
21 the total assets of the funds have an NAV of	Q It then says, "Cover includes any legal
22 around U.S. 100 million."	22 costs payable to the plaintiffs but not the fund's
23 I will stop there. Do you understand NAV	23 own legal costs." And we have seen that is
24 to mean net asset value?	24 actually not how the policy ended up being
25 A Yes.	25 written, is that right?

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9 see where I was reading? 9 A Okay.	
10 A Yes. 10 Q Do you see that?	
Q Was it Beecher's understanding that the 11 A I do.	
12 plan was for the premium to be satisfied by the 12 Q So here Mr. Sevilla writes to Jason	
13 transfer of the entire investment portfolios of 13 Stubbs, "Jason, I will be speaking to your GC	
14 the funds? 14 later this afternoon and I anticipate we will	
15 A Yes. 15 finalize the NDA then." Do you know what N	DΑ
Q So that was always understood? 16 refers to?	
17 A Always. 17 A Nondisclosure agreement, or someth	ing like
Q Where did that idea come from? 18 that, I don't know.	ing like
19 A J.P. 19 Q Was that part of retaining or bringing or	1
Q And he says, "Again, in future tense there 20 Bartlett Actuarial to provide work?	1
21 will be an actuarial assessment of the portfolio 21 A Nothing that I am involved with.	
22 asset." 22 Q You are not involved with that at all, all	
25 the figures had been arrived at or was informed by 25 about setting up a time to have a call and getting up a time to h	
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2 comments from Mr. Sevilla. So Mr. Stubbs writes	2 A Correct.
3 on Friday June 16, "I seem to have confused	Q Do you recall him doing that type of work,
4 myself. In the original dialogue I thought	4 providing three scenarios?
5 Sentinel would be writing a policy to the	5 A Yes.
6 plaintiff, UBS, to cover legal costs for the	Q And when you testified earlier about the
7 defendant CB and HFP and affiliates in case UBS	7 actuarial analysis that Mr. Stubbs was doing, is
8 lost the suit. But the call clarified that the	8 this what you were referring to?
9 insurance would be for damages, not legal costs,	9 A Yes.
10 so the policy would really be for CDO and HFP and	Q So he would have done this based on
11 affiliates," and then in all caps it says, "YES,	11 information provided to him by Mr. Sevilla and
12 THAT IS CORRECT," do you see that?	12 Mr. Leventon and Mr. Kranz?
13 A I do.	13 A Correct.
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15 about what this proposed policy would be around	15 there is an e-mail from Isaac Levenson to Jason
	16 Stubbs on June 22, where he says, "Jason, please
16 at or around June 16, 2017, is that right?	
A Yes, correct.	17 take a look at my modifications in red below.
18 Q So that's after those figures that	18 Please run the scenarios based on these
19 Mr. Scrivener had given in that June 12 e-mail,	19 assumptions and then let's determine if it is
20 right?	20 appropriate to go to a final letter." And we see
21 A I see, yes.	21 that the red that Mr. Levenson added reflects
22 MR. WELDON: Objection.	22 probability, he was adjusting probabilities, do
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1	Q What did you understand about those	1	A That's what it would state.
2	calculations?	2	Q Did Beecher understand that at the time?
3	A That there was these were the	3	A Yes.
4	calculations that were going to determine the	4	Q Was Beecher concerned about that, that
5	ultimate liability that was attached to the policy	5	this policy would result in a loss to Sentinel
6	as well as the premium.	6	even under the most optimistic?
7	Q Mr. Kranz, if we go to Page 16 of the	7	A I don't
8	e-mail chain, Mr. Kranz writes to Mr. Stubbs,	8	MR. WELDON: Objection.
9		9	THE WITNESS: I don't recall.
1	o in providing a letter outlining the conclusions	10	BY MR. BURT:
	below? Is it common to request an actuarial	11	
	2 letter in these types of situations when premiums		2 recall whether it was a concern?
	3 and policies are being determined?"	13	
1		14	
	5 support for how the premium is determined.		5 BY MR. BURT:
	6 Q Then Mr. Stubbs responds on June 22 again	16	
	7 and he says, "I just realized I had some wayward	1	being submitted on June 27, I think it's the last
	8 numbers in my analysis related to ultimate limits		R few pages of that exhibit. Do you see where I am
	9 I have been looking at. It only affected Scenario		O looking at that letter?
	0 2. Instead of profit of a million in this	20	•
	1 scenario it should have been a loss of	21	
	2 12.5 million. My most sincere apologies for the	22	
	3 error."		Mr. Kranz from Bartlett Actuarial Group. Now, in
2			the background section it says in the first
	5 on Scenario 2?		paragraph, "Sentinel is a captive insurance
1	154	12.	156
1	A Yes.	1	company domiciled in the Cayman Islands and owned
2	Q So under this sort of not pessimistic/not	2	by SAS Asset Recovery Limited. Sentinel was
3	optimistic but under the moderate scenario his	$\begin{vmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{vmatrix}$	incorporated on March 1, 2014 to provide directors
4	actuarial analysis was that this policy would	4	and officers liability coverage to SAS Asset
5	result in a loss of 12.5 million to Sentinel, is	5	Recovery Limited and its affiliated entities.
6	that right?	6	Sentinel would to provide" looks like there is
7	MR. WELDON: Objection.	7	a typo there "ATE insurance company to
8	THE WITNESS: It would appear so.	1.	unrelated parties, Highland Special Opportunities
9			Holding Company and codefendants, collectively
1			Highlands, related to a lawsuit that has been
	1 Mr. Stubbs says, "I spoke too soon, both Scenario		filed against Highlands."
	2 2 and Scenario 3 were affected. Using the	12	
	3 probabilities provided by Isaac there would also		3 parties were unrelated?
	4 be a loss in the third scenario of 0.5 million.		
	5 Apparently I was in favor of looking at lower	14	5 Carlson or J.P. Sevilla.
	6 limits and forgot to reset the assumptions back to		
	what I provided originally."	16	7 common ownership though, right?
	Here he is saying that even under the most	18	
	9 optimistic scenario given the probabilities and	19	
	0 assumptions that have been provided the scenario) BY MR. BURT:
	1 was a loss on the policy of 0.5 million, correct?	21	•
2		22	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
2		23	•
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	4 the policy the actuarial analysis was it would 5 result in a loss to Sentinel?	24	would see it.

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1 BY MR. BURT:	1 point to CIMA that all are related in some way,
2 Q And how is that?	2 Sentinel UBO ultimately controls the insureds."
3 A Because we were talking about from an	3 Do you see that?
4 insurance standpoint affiliated risks were those	4 A Yes.
5 in the direct line of the parent, whereas the	Q Do you recall telling CIMA that fact, that
6 unrelated risks would be more distant cousins or	6 the Sentinel UBOs ultimately controls the
7 other entities not closely related to Sentinel.	7 insureds?
8 Q So it's that distinction that you had made	8 A I don't recall.
9 before?	Q Do you recall writing that at the time in
10 A Correct.	10 2019?
11 Q Is that a distinction that when you were	11 A Yes.
12 discussing with CIMA that you made that did you	Q Why did you tell that to Mr. Stubbs?
13 make that same distinction?	13 A I don't recall.
14 MR. WELDON: Objection.	Q Is it were you correct that the
15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I believe so.	15 Sentinel UBO ultimately controls the insureds, was
MR. BURT: One moment, please.	16 that Beecher's understanding?
17 (Document marked Exhibit 129 for	17 A The insureds of the ATE?
18 identification.)	18 Q Correct.
MR. BURT: Keep that prior exhibit handy,	19 A Correct.
20 but we will look at this one.	Q So not only did the Sentinel UBOs we
21 BY MR. BURT:	21 have established are Mr. Dondero and
Q Handing you what's been marked as	22 Mr. Ellington, correct?
23 Exhibit 129, Bates BCS EN a bunch of 0s, 5065.	23 A Correct.
24 Let me know when you are ready.	Q So not only did they own at least part of
25 A I am ready.	25 the Fightand, Fightand Capital and its entitles,
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Q Let's go back to the June 27, 2017 letter	1 A That's what it says.
2 that Mr. Stubbs wrote. In the last paragraph on	2 Q Again, that was information provided by
3 the first page under background it states, "The	3 Mr. Leventon and Mr. Sevilla?
4 plaintiff in the lawsuit is seeking damages of	4 A Correct.
over 680 million from Highlands. Sentinel is	5 Q Liability reduced in judgment 40%
6 proposing to write a policy to cover Highlands	6 probability, 40 million expected payout. The
7 liability to the plaintiff up to a limit of 80	7 total so the probability totals to 100% and the
8 million and they have suggested a premium of 20	8 expected payout totals to 48.5 million.
9 million." Do you see that?	9 Do you know how he arrives at the
10 A I do.	10 48.5 million?
11 Q So Mr. Stubbs here is saying it appears	11 A Math?
12 that Sentinel has suggested that the premium be 20	12 Q Is it just an average?
13 million, right?	13 A I think it is the average based on the
	14 probabilities.
14 A That would appear to be the case.15 Q And that would be consistent also with	•
	15 Q So a weighted average?
16 what CIMA found in that report that we already	16 A Yes.
17 looked at about how the premium was arrived, do	Q Then he lists the premium there of 20
18 you recall that?	18 million and then so the profit loss in the
19 A I don't recall that.	19 pessimistic scenario based on the probabilities
20 Q We can come back to that in a moment.	20 and the weighted average would be negative
21 It states, 'The policy would cover pre and	21 28.5 million the way the policy is written, right?
22 post judgment interest within the limit and would	22 A Correct.
23 pay in the event of a judgment against Highlands	Q So I don't want to belabor, Scenario 2,
24 or pretrial settlement between the parties to the	24 the same analysis, this is the moderate scenario,
25 lawsuit. Legal expenses would not be covered.	25 he calculates the profit loss at negative
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1 The court has set a trial date of September,	1 12.5 million, correct?
2 2017." Okay.	2 A Correct.
On Page 2 we see Scenarios 1 and 2 that we	Q And Scenario 3, the next page, again, same
4 looked at in the e-mail exchange, and I just want	4 analysis, this time this is the optimistic
to make sure I am understanding these right.	5 scenario and he calculates the profit loss on the
6 Under Scenario 1, and I think he said this was the	6 policy negative 0.5 million, is that right?
7 pessimistic outcome.	7 A Correct.
8 A Yes.	8 Q Is it common to write policies when the
Q He has here a pretrial settlement, the	9 actuary has determined that under any scenario
10 probability is 5% and the expected payout would be	10 there will be a loss on the policy?
11 10 million on that probability, is that right?	11 A No.
12 A That's what it says.	12 Q Do you know why this one was written even
Q Do you know how he arrives at the expected	13 though that's what the actuary found?
14 payout number based on the probability?	14 A I do not.
15 A I believe those were numbers that were	15 Q Did Beecher have any involvement in making
16 provided in the discussion with Isaac and J.P.	16 the final determination to issue the policy?
18 Highlands, so the defendant, probability 15% and	Q It might not have been clear.
19 then in that case there would be zero payout,	Did Beecher have any involvement in the
20 right, because they won?	20 decision to actually end up issuing the policy?
21 A Correct.	21 A No.
Q And then judgment in favor of plaintiff,	22 MR. WELDON: Objection.
23 the full liability, 686 million plus pre and post	23 BY MR. BURT:
24 judgment interests probability 40% expected payout	24 Q Who would have made that decision
25 80 million, is that right?	25 ultimately to issue the policy?

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1 A The directors ultimately approved the ATE	167 1 forward with these, can you please give a final
2 policy.	2 review and add signature pages and any other final
3 Q And at the time was it outside directors	3 cleanups, we will enter the correct signature
4 or was there also Highland directors?	4 blocks. Below are the names of the insureds.
5 A It was outside directors at that time.	5 There will be two separate policies, one for each
6 Q Does Beecher have any insight into how the	6 of the below entities. We will handle filling out
7 directors decided to issue the policy despite this	7 the schedule and final numbers." And then he
8 actuarial analysis that had been done?	8 lists Highland CDO Opportunity Fund and Highland
9 A This wouldn't have been the final premium	9 CDO Holding Company.
10 that was contemplated. The premium actually	That is what Mr. Sevilla said on
11 jumped up to 25 million, I don't know how it would	11 August 14, right?
12 have affected this.	Were you aware sorry, you need to
13 Q One moment, please.	13 answer audibly.
14 I guess my next question is how that	14 A Yes.
15 decision was made or how it came to be that the	15 Q Were you aware there was two policies
16 premium did jump up by the 5 million.	16 being considered at that point?
17 A I don't know.	17 A Yes.
18 Q Did Beecher have any involvement with	18 Q What was your understanding for the
19 that?	19 reasons why?
20 A I do not know.	20 A Well, I personally wasn't aware so I
21 Q Sorry, let's go back to, I lost track of	21 don't know
22 the exhibit, it is the e-mails with Paul	22 Q But Beecher was generally?
23 Scrivener, see if this will help refresh your	23 A Beecher would have been because Pete was
24 memory, it is Exhibit 127.	24 copied on these.
25 So the next we have looked at that	25 Q And so Beecher was aware.
166 1 June 12 e-mail. The next-in-time e-mail is from	Did you over hove discussions with
	Did you ever have discussions with Mr. Kranz about that at the time?
	A About there being two policies, no. Q Or the reasons why it eventually ended up
August 4 date. If you look at the policy itself on the schedule that we were looking at, the date	5 as just one?
6 of commencement of period of insurance is	6 A No.
7 August 1, 2017.	7 Q And then the next e-mail Mr. Sevilla
8 A Yes.	8 writes, "One more point, Paul, can you please add
9 Q How is it that the date of insurance could	9 language into the policy that specifies that the
10 begin before the drafts of the policy were	10 insurance policies will cover the insured's own
11 finalized?	11 costs and expenses as of the effective date, thank
12 A I don't think it's uncommon that the	12 you." Do you see that?
13 policy language might be finalized shortly after	13 A I do.
14 the policy accepts.	Q So we had seen before that it would not
15 Q So it applies retroactively back to a	15 fund the legal costs, here Mr. Sevilla changes
16 date?	16 that to the policy would cover the insured's own
17 A In this case, yes.	17 costs, right?
18 Q And that's not uncommon?	18 A Yes.
19 A It happens.	19 Q Does Beecher know the reasons why the
20 MR. WELDON: Off the record, I just I	20 switch?
21 will point you to the	21 A I don't know particularly related to the
MS. REPORTER: We are still on the record	22 legal costs, but I understand from J.P. that upon
23 we have video.	23 payment of the premium there were no funds to be
24 BY MR. BURT:	24 able to pay any business costs or legal costs or
25 Q Mr. Sevilla writes, "We are ready to move	25 whatever within the insureds so those costs would
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1 be borne by Sentinel under this own costs	1 exclusion if the insureds didn't have any funds to
2 provision.	2 prosecute the action then the policy wouldn't
Q And that was because the whole idea was to	3 cover it and that was removed, does that appear
4 transfer all of the assets out of the insureds?	4 correct?
5 A Correct.	5 A That is what it would appear.
Q Going to the first page of this e-mail,	Q And to the best of your understanding, is
7 Mr. Sevilla has some final changes on August 8,	7 that because all of the funds again were being
8 2017, this is the second to last e-mail in the	8 transferred out of the insureds to Sentinel?
9 chain, here he says, number one, he would like to	9 A I don't know.
10 consolidate the policies into one policy with	Q You don't know that one, okay.
11 three insureds, all of whom are codefendants with	11 That was your that was Beecher's
12 equal liability, do you see any issue in doing so,	12 understanding
13 do you see that?	13 MR. WELDON: Objection.
14 A I do.	14 BY MR. BURT:
15 Q Do you recall we walked through the	15 Q that all the assets were to be sent to
16 schedule?	16 Sentinel?
17 A I do.	17 A That is.
18 Q One of them is not a defendant, right?	18 Q Pete Kranz then responds at the very top
19 A Correct.	19 and he says, "I see no issues with one policy," so
20 Q Would that have affected this because one	20 Beecher Carlson at the time had no issue combining
21 of the defendants would not share an equal	21 the two into one, it appears?
22 liability, would that have affected the policy?	22 A Correct.
23 A I don't know.	23 (Document marked Exhibit 130 for
24 Q And then he says the policy limit is 120	
	24 identification.) 25
25 million and the premium will be 30 million, so	
1 here we are on August, 2017, we get new policy	172 1 BY MR. BURT:
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2 limit numbers and new premium numbers. Was3 Beecher aware of that at the time?	2 Q Mr. Adamczak, I have handed you what has 3 been marked as Exhibit 130 with the Bates label
4 A As Pete Kranz was copied on this we would	
 have been aware. Q Any knowledge about why the change from 80 	5 produced by Beecher. So my question for you is 6 whether you have ever seen this before.
	7 A This does not look familiar to me. 8 Q If we look at Page 6, and I will represent
	9 to you this is a document that Highland Capital
9 Q Or from 20 to 30 million on the premium? 10 A I do not know.	•
	10 produced in litigation, if we look at Page 6 it
11 Q It was Beecher's understanding, was it 12 not, that these changes were coming from	11 says if Highland settles," and then it says
13 Mr. Sevilla?	12 "Sentinel controls HFP CDO fund assets currently 13 94 million and Sentinel and HCM LP can use HFP CDO
	14 assets to generate cash to pay UBS settlement city
15 Q And then No. 3, I want to look at, I have	15 and outstanding legal fees." And it talks about a
16 a question about, it says, "Finally, please remove 17 the clause that says in Section 3 that it's an	16 tax liability being avoided and then it states
	17 that residual assets up to 50 million would stay
18 exclusion if insured does not have funds to	18 at Sentinel.
19 prosecute the action."	My question for you is did Beecher have
So my first question is what is an	20 any role in this settlement analysis or these
21 exclusion in an insurance policy?	21 considerations?
A An exclusion is a clause that identifies	22 A No.
23 scenarios that would not be covered under that	Q And then on if you flip to Page 8, so
24 policy.	24 we will skip Slide 7, and it states "UBS"
Q So it appears that the draft had as an	25 settlement structure summary, Step 1, HFP/CDO fund

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1 buys 90 million ATE policy from Sentinel, ATE 1 A I do.	175
1 Young and the second of the	ongreen is the same way and
	answer is the same, you are e of those discussions to end
	re Sentinel would keep
5 Q Again, the question is did Beecher have 5 \$50 million worth o	
	Objection, asked and
7 going on internally at Highland at the time? 7 answered.	T
8 MR. WELDON: Objection. 8 THE WITNESS:	I was not.
9 THE WITNESS: This being? 9 BY MR. BURT:	1 011 6 7 1 1
	ek on Slide 6, I neglected
11 Q That the ATE premium would be all assets 11 to ask, they state her	
	e HFP CDO fund assets
	. Do you have any knowledge
14 MR. WELDON: Objection. 14 about how that value	was arrived at?
15 THE WITNESS: Is HFP CDO fund the insureds 15 A I do not.	
	our knowledge it was
	e at the time that was yet to be
18 Q Well, let's look at the policy. I think 18 determined?	
19 you have it right there. 19 MR. WELDON:	
	I don't know the timeframe
21 THE WITNESS: Okay. 21 that this was prepare	ed.
22 BY MR. BURT: 22 BY MR. BURT:	
	out the May/June 2017
	nails we were looking at.
25 A Well, I don't know what the acronym is 25 A We knew noth	ning of the fair value of the
1 there. 1 assets that would be	176
	Slide 6 and 8, they value,
	s at 94 million and wanted to
	ion ATE policy. Do you see
5 A Yes. But that's taking the assumption 5 that?	ion ATE poney. Do you see
6 that HFP stands for Highland Financial Partners, 6 A Yes.	
	assets would fund the ATE
	million under this scenario
9 Partners referred to as HFP? 9 would fund the prem	
10 A I have. 10 MR. WELDON:	
11 Q And it is not listed as one of the 11 BY MR. BURT:	. Objection.
12 insureds above in the schedule, Highland Financial 12 Q Is that right?	
	erstanding at the time that
	s issued that all funds or assets
	s would transfer to Sentinel to
16 have any involvement with these discussions 16 pay premium.	
17 regarding a potential settlement structure and 17 Q You can set that	nt exhibit aside.
	to need a lot of these?
	ne policy, that one you
20 answered. 20 can set the other one	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	hy don't we take a break, we
22 BY MR. BURT: 22 only have a few min	•
	APHER: This marks the end of
	position of Thomas Adamczak,
25 be up to \$50 million, do you see that? 25 we are off the record	=

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1 (Recess taken.)	1 expectation it will limit issues/concerns with the
2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins Disk No. 4	2 future audit."
3 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak, we are back	3 And that you ended up hiring Valuation
4 on the record at 2:17.	4 what was the name?
5 (Document marked Exhibit 131 for	5 A Valuation Research Corporation.
6 identification.)	6 Q Did David Roberts recommend them?
7 BY MR. BURT:	7 A I think that might have been a
8 Q Mr. Adamczak, showing you what's been	8 recommendation coming from him.
9 marked as Exhibit 131 with the Bates BC	9 Q Now, in the May on May 23, 2017 you
10 SEN0000046128. Go ahead and take a look at that	10 knew that Sentinel was looking to receive these
11 and let me when you are ready.	11 assets as premium on an ATE policy, right?
12 A I am ready.	12 A We were provided with a list of assets
13 Q This is an e-mail to you David A. Roberts	13 from J.P. I do not know if these were the assets
14 at Crowe Horwath on May 23, 2017, is that right?	14 that ultimately came in or the value of them
15 A Correct.	15 coming in.
16 Q Who is David Roberts?	Q So that was you answered my next
17 A David Roberts is a partner in an audit	17 question, which was where did this come from, it
18 firm that we typically work with.	18 was from J.P. Sevilla.
19 Q And is that from you referred to them	19 MR. WELDON: Objection.
20 as Crowe?	20 BY MR. BURT:
21 A Crowe Horwath, shortened their name to	21 Q Is that right?
22 Crowe.	A That is correct.
23 Q Are they located in Burlington?	Q Although Beecher was holding books and
24 A They have an office in Burlington.	24 records for Sentinel at the time as its captive
25 Q I saw their building over there.	25 insurance manager, these were not at the time part
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1 And did he work on the Sentinel auditing 2 for	of anything that Sentinel owned, is that right? A Correct.
	Q How did you know that they were notreadily marketable at the time?
	4 readily marketable at the time? 5 A Based on discussions with J.P.
5 A No. 6 Q Why did you e-mail him at this time?	Q When did J.P. first raise this with you?
7 A Just to touch base with him regarding	7 A When they were talking about writing the
8 investment valuation if there were any	8 policy. I believe it was always known or conveyed
9 recommendations that they might have for firms	9 to us from J.P. that the investments would that
10 that we could reach out to engage.	10 they did not have enough cash to pay and the
11 Q So here you write, "Dave, do you have a	11 premium would come in the form of assets, on
12 few minutes to discuss an item on Sentinel."	12 liquid assets.
13 Did he know who Sentinel was?	13 Q Is that common with insurance policies
14 A I think we bounced some things off him	14 that premiums come not in cash but through other
15 before.	15 types of assets?
16 Q It says, "It is not an audit issue yet,	16 A It can happen. It doesn't happen
17 but I would like to pick your brain so it doesn't	17 frequently but it can happen.
18 become an issue after next year. I have attached	18 Q How about with the types of assets that
19 a list of investments that Sentinel is looking to	19 were ultimately transferred here, is that a unique
20 receive as premium payment on the new after the	20 situation?
21 event coverage they will begin writing shortly.	21 A This was a unique situation.
22 Since these investments are not readily marketable	Q You had never seen this type of transfer
23 my concern is with valuation. Pete indicated you	23 before?
24 might be able to provide suggestions on firms we	24 A I have not.
25 can engage to assist in valuing these with the	Q And how many different insurance policies
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would you say you have worked on or managed over	the premium will be satisfied by the transfer of
2 the years?	2 the hedge fund's investment portfolios. Has any
A In all of my years?	3 thought been given to the legal validity of such a
4 Q Yes.	4 transfer bearing in mind that these assets will
5 A Thousands.	5 then be put beyond the reach of the plaintiffs in
6 Q And you have never seen anything like	6 the U.S. litigation against the funds. Obviously
7 this?	7 the last thing that you want to find is that the
8 A It doesn't mean that it is not possible to	8 premium has to be returned or is set aside as some
9 happen.	9 unlawful reference or similar. Obviously an issue
Q What about it stands out as unique, what	10 for U.S. counsel, but just thought that I would
11 happened with these transfers?	11 raise it." Do you see that?
12 A Rephrase the question.	12 A I do.
Q So you said it was unique.	Q Do you know if that was ever raised with
14 A Unique in that the premium was in the form	14 U.S. counsel by Sentinel or by Highland?
15 of non-marketable securities.	15 A I do not.
16 Q So referring back to this exhibit, beyond	Q Did Beecher ever discuss that issue with
17 just a list that was provided by J.P., did Beecher	17 Highland or Sentinel?
18 have any knowledge whatsoever about these assets	18 A Not to my knowledge.
19 at the time or what they were or their value?	Q In your experience working on insurance
20 A No, we did not.	20 matters have you ever seen a similar situation
21 Q Did you do anything further with this list	21 where all of the assets of an entity in litigation
22 that J.P. gave you?	22 is transferred to pay for an insurance premium?
23 A No.	23 A I have not.
24 Q You can set that one aside.	Q Now you can really set that one aside.
25 I did I actually lied, there is one	Now, we have talked a lot about the
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1 that I told you you could set aside, there was one	1 Sentinel side of the policy and we saw in the
2 further thing I wanted to ask you in 127.	2 policy that Mr. Dondero signed for the Highland
Before I ask that I have one more question	3 entities. Are you aware of who the authorized
4 as I am thinking about unique, were they unique	4 representative was for the Highland entities that
5 also in that the value of the assets would be	5 were insured?
6 greater than the amount of the premium?	6 A I am not.
7 MR. WELDON: Objection.	7 Q Did that ever come up?
8 THE WITNESS: The value of the assets was	8 A It did not.
9 unknown at the time because there was no valuation	9 Q I would like to show you Tab 24.
10 done, so there was a risk that it could be a	10 (Document marked Exhibit 132 for
11 windfall to Sentinel and there was also a risk	11 identification.)
12 that everything could be worthless.	12 BY MR. BURT:
13 BY MR. BURT:	Q For the record showing you what's been
Q So looking very quickly at Exhibit 127, I	14 marked Exhibit 132 Bates label BSSEN00007678181.
15 actually wanted to look at the first-in-time	15 The first page appears to be an e-mail from
16 e-mail from Paul Scrivener to J.P. Sevilla and	16 J.P. Sevilla to Pete Kranz dated November 20, 2017
17 cc'ing Pete Kranz on June 2, 2017. Do you see	with an attachment untitled and then the second
18 where I am looking?	18 page has the title Highland CDO Opportunity Master
19 A Yes.	19 Fund, LP, do you see that?
Q And we can skip down until the last figure	20 A Yes.
21 paragraph that begins with "by the way", do you	21 Q Have you seen this document before today?
22 see that?	22 A I have.
23 A Yes.	Q When did you first see it?
Q And here Mr. Scrivener states, "By the	A A while back, a couple years ago. I don't
25 way, I was thinking further about the idea that	25 know.

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1 Q So this was something that was produced	1 Q Was Beecher aware or was this document
out of the Beecher files and something that you	2 provided to Beecher?
3 are familiar with?	3 A Yes.
4 A Correct.	4 Q And it was aware then beginning in
5 Q So here on November 20, 2017 it states,	5 November of 2017 that it also represented the
6 "To whom it may concern, this will confirm that as	6 insureds, is that right?
of today's date we have appointed Beecher Carlson	7 A Yes.
as our exclusive representative with respects the	8 Q So explain that to me how Beecher is the
9 following coverage, after the event insurance.	9 captive insurance manager could also be the sole
10 This appointment of Beecher Carlson rescinds all	10 representative of the insureds.
11 previous appointments and the authority continued	11 A This is for the broker brokerage deal on
12 herein shall remain in full force until canceled	12 the after the event insurance policy, so this is
13 in writing." Then authorizes Beecher Carlson "to	13 separate, separate work that was performed here
14 negotiate on our behalf directly with any	14 from the captive management.
15 interested company with respect to a quote for our	15 Q So what was the broker deal? I am not
16 coverage." And at the bottom you see is listed	16 familiar with that.
17 Highland CDO Opportunity Master Fund with a number	17 A So it is not uncommon for Beecher Carlson
18 of Highland entities and Strand advisors as	18 to serve in a brokerage capacity as well as
19 partners and members, do you see that?	19 captive management capacity with a number of our
20 A I do.	20 clients. We have a brokerage arm that handles a
21 Q And do you know whose signature that is?	21 lot of policy issuance and that's separate from
22 A I do not.	22 the captive management.
23 Q I know you have a big pile, but	23 Q So here it was brokering the policy for
24 Exhibit 116 I want to look at so we can look at	24 the insureds on the ATE policy?
25 the signature to refresh what it is. These are	
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1 the Sentinel Advisory Committee discussions of	1 Q After beyond just brokering the policy
2 Mr. Ellington and Mr. Dondero that we looked at	2 did it do anything else as the sole
a earlier, it is Exhibit 116. The front page would	3 representative, did Beecher Carlson do anything
4 be a CIMA e-mail actually.	4 else as the representative?
5 A Yes okay, yes.	5 A Once the policy is issued there is no more
6 Q So looking at those Sentinel Advisory	6 additional work that would need to be done.
7 Committee discussions, do you see Mr. Ellington's	7 Q So in terms of filing a claim on the
8 signature there?	8 policy, things like that, that wouldn't have been
9 A Yes, I do.	9 part of what Beecher Carlson was authorized to do
Q And if you look at that signature and the	10 in this document, is that right?
11 signature that is in Exhibit 132 they appear to be	11 A The policy generally defines how the claim
12 the same, do they not?	12 should be filed.
13 MR. WELDON: Objection.	13 Q Right, I understand.
14 MR. BURT: I am not asking for expert	But was Beecher Carlson, was it part of
15 opinion.	15 its responsibilities under this agreement or this
16 THE WITNESS: In my opinion they look	16 confirmation that it needed to, for example,
17 similar, but I am not an expert on signatures.	17 monitor the litigation and file a claim on the
18 BY MR. BURT:	18 policy if the event arose to file a claim.
19 Q Right.	19 A I don't know.
20 Were you aware or did Beecher have any	
	17() () Who would know that at Reecher who is
1	20 Q Who would know that at Beecher, who is
21 knowledge that Mr. Ellington had signed such a	21 dealing with this particular aspect of the
21 knowledge that Mr. Ellington had signed such a 22 document at the time appointing Beecher as the	21 dealing with this particular aspect of the 22 Beecher's work?
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1 A There is, and I don't know if they were	1 coming back to that one?
2 the ones that had put this together or who was	2 MR. BURT: To the extent we can get those
3 involved with it.	3 answers, yes.
4 Q So it is important for us to understand if	4 THE WITNESS: All set with the other
5 Beecher did anything else beyond just brokering	5 documents?
6 under this agreement and as the 30(b)(6) witness	6 MR. BURT: Keep the policy handy, that is
7 is that something that you could take a break and	7 a key one.
8 call somebody or get information on, would that be	8 (Document marked Exhibit 133 for
9 hard to find out?	9 identification.)
10 A I don't know that there was any additional	10 BY MR. BURT:
11 work that was done after the policy was issued.	11 Q Handing you 133 Bates labeled BC
12 Q No, I understand.	12 SEN00000614525, which is the purchase agreement.
And getting that confirmation is something	Mr. Adamczak, are you familiar with this
14 that is important for us. Is that something that	14 document?
15 could easily be confirmed on a short break?	15 A I am.
16 A I don't maybe. I don't know.	16 Q And what is your understanding of what it
17 Q Maybe at our next break you can discuss	17 is?
18 with counsel, we would appreciate it, we don't	18 A This was the document that controlled the
19 want to hold it open for that, but if it's an easy	19 assets that were transferred as premium under the
20 answer that would be helpful.	20 ATE policy.
21 A And you are looking just to confirm	21 Q Looking first at the signature pages here,
22 whether there was any additional work that was	22 it's the third and fourth pages, you see that
23 done?	23 Mr. Dondero signed on behalf of all the Highland
MR. WELDON: Under the broker agreement.	24 entities, is that right?
25 MR. BURT: Under this.	25 A That is correct.
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1 MR. WELDON: I understand where you are. 2 MR. BURT: Perfect.	Q And that would have been consistent with Beecher's understanding that at least he was a
2 MR. BURT: Perfect. 3 BY MR. BURT:	
	part owner and controller of these entities,correct?
Q Okay, great.I was just going to ask on the broker	5 A Correct.
6 agreement did J.P. or any of the other Highland	Q Then looking at let's turn to Schedule A
7 employees did they present this as an opportunity	of the policy, now, we had looked at the
8 or did they just say they want you to do this, how	8 Exhibit 131 where you had been provided by
9 did this come to pass?	9 J.P. Sevilla a list of assets that was had come
10 A I don't remember how that came up.	10 from Highland and you were unfamiliar with, do you
11 Q Maybe if you could add that to the list of	11 recall that?
12 how it was presented.	12 A Yes.
13 MR. WELDON: I got it.	13 Q And now we are looking here at Schedule A,
14 BY MR. BURT:	14 the actual assets that were included as part of
15 Q Do you know whether any conflicts can	15 the APA.
16 arise in this type of situation where Beecher on	What role did Beecher have in arriving at
17 the one hand is doing the brokerage here and on	17 or determining which assets should appear on
18 the other hand is the captive insurance manager?	18 Schedule A?
19 A I am not aware of any conflicts, and as I	19 A None.
20 explained this is not uncommon to have the same	Q Who made those decisions?
21 entity represent them from a captive management	21 MR. WELDON: Objection.
22 standpoint and a brokerage standpoint.	22 BY MR. BURT:
23 Q Let's look next at the purchase agreement	23 Q If you know.
24 that accompanied the policy, that is Tab 30.	A This was provided by J.P. as part of the
25 MR. WELDON: Are you done with that one or	25 assets that would be transferred in.

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1 Q Do you know when he first provided that to	1 understand Mr. Sevilla's hats that he was wearing,
2 Beecher?	was he providing the Schedule A assets to Beecher
3 A Sometime in sometime after the policy	as working for the insureds on that side or just
4 was incepted, so after August 1.	4 J.P. would send us everything?
5 Q You have used that I want to make sure	5 A I don't know.
6 I am understanding insurance terminology	Q So he was just the point of contact.
7 correctly. You have used the term incepted for	7 A He was the point of contact.
8 the policy, does that just mean the beginning?	8 Q And whether it related to Highland or
9 A Yes.	9 whether it related to Sentinel J.P. was the point
Q We are not talking about the movie or	10 of contact?
11 anything.	11 A He was the point of contact.
12 A No.	12 Q Would that be the same for Matt DiOrio, he
13 Q So the beginning of the policy. So after	13 was the point of contact whether it related to
14 the policy is signed Beecher is provided the	14 Highland or Sentine!?
15 Schedule A assets?	15 A Correct.
16 A Correct.	16 Q So looking first at the assets listed
17 Q Do you recall whether the purchase	17 under Highland CDO Opportunity Master Fund, LP, we
18 agreement was signed after the policy was	18 see at the very bottom cash is listed in the
19 incepted?	19 amount of 7.779 million.
20 A I believe it was, but I don't fully	20 Are you familiar with these other assets
21 recall.	21 that are listed?
22 Q Now, J.P. provided it. Did he provide it	22 A I am.
23 in the context of	23 Q Now, I think you testified earlier that
24 MR. WELDON: Just for the record, I mean,	24 some assets did not actually end up being
25 the purchase agreement says August 7, 2017, the	25 transferred, is that right, to Sentinel, they were
25 the purchase agreement says August 7, 2017, the	
1 policy was August 1.	196 1 intended to be but weren't transferred?
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MR. BURT: Right, that's a fair point. The policy is August 1 and the purchase agreement	A No. I said the assets were not registered in Sentinel's name.
	4 Q Were they registered in someone else's 5 name?
5 MR. WELDON: And I think there was 6 something that this has already been addressed,	
7 that the payment was due by August 30th.	A Whoever they were registered in before. It wasn't like they were registered in anyone
8 MR. BURT: Premium payment. That is in	8 else's name the intention was that when the
9 the policy, that's right.	9 assets were transferred in they would be put into
10 BY MR. BURT:	10 Sentinel's name. That to my knowledge never took
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11 Q So my question is, so J.P. provided this 12 list to Beecher. Now, what I want to understand,	11 place. Whether somebody transferred into somebody 12 else's name, I am not aware of.
13 and see if you can help me, it seems like J.P. 14 wears a number of hats. We have talked about him	
	14 intended to go to Sentinel but they were never
15 a lot today in the context of communications he	15 registered in Sentinel's name?
16 had on behalf of Sentinel, right, where he would	16 A All of the assets were intended to go to
17 communicate to Beecher on Sentinel issues. And we	17 Sentinel.
18 have seen him on a lot of e-mails to that extent	18 Q I want to make sure I am not
19 as well, is that right?	19 misunderstanding, are you saying also that all of
20 A Yes. It's not uncommon for any one of our	20 the assets are not registered in Sentinel's name
21 captives for us to have only one contact that we	21 or just some of them were not registered in
22 are dealing with at the sponsoring organization or	22 Sentinel's name?
23 parent entity.	23 A Some of them were not registered in
Q No, and that's fine.	24 Sentinel's name.
25 And my question is, again, just trying to	25 Q Got it, thanks. I apologize if I was slow

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1 on the uptake there.	1 Q And			
2 So let's just look at some of these	2 A The CIBC investment custody account. So			
3 assets.	3 anything that was in that custody account of the			
So the first asset here is Aberdeen LN FDG	4 assets that were transferred in that made their			
5 LTD PFD. Do you know if that was an asset that	5 way into Sentinel would be in that custody			
6 was registered in Sentinel's name?	6 account. They couldn't hold anything in that			
7 A I don't believe it was.	7 custody account that was not in Sentinel's name.			
8 Q Do you know who owned it prior to	8 MR. BURT: Maybe can we go off the record			
9 Sentinel?	9 for just a second?			
10 A According to the schedule Highland CDO	10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the			
11 Opportunity Master Fund, LP.	11 record, the time is 2:44.			
12 Q To the best of Beecher's knowledge if it	12 (Recess taken.)			
13 wasn't registered in Sentinel's name Beecher's	13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going on the			
14 knowledge is it would still be a Highland CDO	14 record, the time is 2:57.			
15 opportunity?	15 BY MR. BURT:			
16 A That is correct.	16 Q So, Mr. Adamczak, I want to go back, I			
17 Q How about the next two Southforks,	17 believe during the break you were able to run down			
18 Southforks CLO Ltd PFD 144A and then the Southfork	18 some answers on Exhibit 132, which was the			
19 underneath that. Were those registered in	19 document appointing Beecher Carlson as the			
20 Sentinel's name?	20 authorized representative of the insureds.			
21 A I believe they were.	So with respect to the services that were			
Q Are we going through these asset by asset?	22 provided under the agreement, this authorization,			
23 A Yes.	23 what were you able to find?			
Q This is actually a really important piece	24 A There were no additional services, it was			
25 for UBS to understand where these assets are so,	25 just the work that was initially done on the ATE			
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1 A Yes.	1 records, the interim financial statement records.	
2 Q And so you can't give me any details about	2 Q So the interim financial statement records	
3 the work that was that Beecher did as far as	of Beecher would show which of these assets ended	
4 brokering for the insureds?	4 up at a Sentinel account at CIBC?	
5 A I wasn't a part of that work so I don't	5 A Correct.	
6 know how much or what specifically was done.	Q And the CIBC account, we talked about the	
7 Q Going back to we were looking at	7 checking account. Would this be the other CIBC	
8 Schedule A, I want to ask we were going list by	8 account?	
9 list, I want to ask you a few high-level questions	9 A This is the investment custody account.	
10 just to confirm a few points.	Q All of the assets that ended up being	
So the assets that were not registered in	11 registered to Sentinel went to that CIBC	
12 Sentinel's name to Beecher's knowledge remained in	12 investment custody account?	
13 the accounts under the entity listed on Schedule	13 A Correct.	
14 A, so, for example, the Aberdeen in the first	Q And so if we looked at that and we did not	
15 line, not registered in Sentinel's name, would	15 see one of the Schedule A assets on that account	
16 have remained at the Highland CDO Opportunity	16 it would we can conclude that that was not	
17 Master Fund, LP account, is that right?	17 successfully registered in Sentinel's name, is	
18 A I don't know, but that's my understanding.	18 that right?	
19 Q Do you know what bank Highland CDO	MR. WELDON: Objection.	
20 Opportunity Master Fund, LP was using?	THE WITNESS: Either it wasn't registered	
21 A I don't necessarily know that there is a	21 in Sentinel's name or it has been since disposed	
22 custody account that these investments would sit	22 of either through bankruptcy proceedings or	
23 in.	23 whatever liquidation or whatever would have	
24 Q Where would they be located?	24 happened with the asset.	
25 A I don't know.	25	
202		204
1 Q Would Beecher have access to that	1 BY MR. BURT:	
2 information?	2 Q Well, right. But I am talking just about	
3 A No.	3 the Sentinel record because Sentinel hasn't gone	
4 MR. WELDON: Just so we are clear, you are	4 into bankruptcy or liquidation.	
5 talking about accounts where they are coming from?	5 A I am talking about the investments, each	
6 MR. BURT: Where they are coming from.	6 particular investment though.	
7 MR. WELDON: We know where they went, they	7 Q So it's possible that it could have been	
8 went with the account they were in.	8 disposed of another way through bankruptcy of the	
9 BY MR. BURT:	9 investment vehicle or the CLO that it was in?	
10 Q If they were not sent over in Sentinel's	10 A Yes.	
11 names, the originating account, Beecher does not	11 Q Let's actually go to this. I actually do	
12 have access to that information?	12 want to ask about that. Keep that Schedule A	
13 A No.	13 handy. I want to look at another financial	
14 Q I believe that Beecher has financial	14 statement that's in another exhibit.	
15 statements for Sentinel that would show	15 (Document marked Exhibit 134 for	
16 definitively which accounts or which of these	16 identification.)	
17 assets were transferred and registered in	17 BY MR. BURT:	
18 Sentinel's name, is that right?	18 Q Before we look at that, let me you can	
19 A We wanted to keep track of each investment	19 set that down for just a second.	
20 and in particular which ones needed to have the	20 Does Sentinel receive distributions from	
21 re-registration done.	21 assets that were not re-registered in Sentinel's	
22 Q And would that be reflected in the audited	22 name?	
23 financial statements, for example?	23 A Yes.	
24 A The audited financial statements, no. But	24 Q How does Sentinel get those distributions?	
25 it would have been in our financial statement	25 A I am not 100% sure on the process, but it	

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1 involves a letter that the directors send to State	1 with the trustee or wherever it is and Sentinel	
2 Street or whoever the custodian was that was	2 has to go out and grab that through this process.	
3 holding those assets or funds.	3 Q Of sending a letter?	
4 Q And that letter says essentially send the	4 A Of sending a letter signed by somebody on	
5 distributions to Sentinel?	5 behalf of Sentinel. I am not part of that	
6 A I believe, yes.	6 process.	
7 Q Even though they are not registered in	7 Q Does Beecher receive copies of those	
8 Sentinel's name?	8 letters?	
9 A Correct.	9 A I have seen copies of it in the past.	
10 If they were registered in Sentinel's name	10 Q And the new directors that were appointed	
11 the funds would flow automatically.	11 in the June, 2021 timeframe are they continuing to	
12 Q Do you know if they are first deposited	12 do that, send those letters to give those	
13 into the account of, for example, Highland CDO	13 distributions?	
14 Opportunity Fund?	14 A That has not been done since before Matt	
15 A I do not know.	15 resigned.	
16 Q Do you know what the originating bank of	16 Q So to your knowledge Beecher's	
17 those transfers is that transfers over?	17 knowledge CLO distributions that were not	
18 A I do not know.	18 registered in Sentinel's name Sentinel has not	
19 Q And so the director's again, I am just	19 received distributions since Matt resigned?	
20 trying to understand, the directors contact State	20 A That is correct.	
21 Street or another entity financial entity to tell	21 Q So all of that money is sitting with the	
22 them these distributions need to come to us?	22 CLO trustee or whomever?	
23 A I believe so.	23 A Correct.	
24 Q And are those distributions ongoing?	24 Q And if we were to look at a list of the	
25 A With respect to the CLO investments they	25 CLOs would Beecher know who the trustee was or	
206		208
1 will typically pay out a distribution quarterly.	1 what account was used?	
2 Q And when is the next distribution set to	2 A No.	
3 hit?	3 Q That is beyond Beecher's knowledge?	
4 MR. WELDON: You are talking about the	4 A That is correct.	
ones outside or the ones inside Sentinel?	5 Q Do you know who would know that?	
6 MR. BURT: The ones that are not	6 A I do not know.	
7 registered in Sentinel's name.	7 Q Would the directors know that?	
8 MR. WELDON: Do you understand the	8 A They may.	
9 question?	9 Q I may have some follow-up, we are checking	
10 THE WITNESS: I do.	10 with our team on some of that information to see	
So if we are talking just the CLOs the	11 if we have some of those financial documents, I	
12 next distribution would be May 1.	12 may have follow-up on that, but let's look in the	
13 BY MR. BURT:	13 meantime at the exhibit that I gave you, 134.	
14 Q Now, regarding the CLOs in particular are	14 Now, this is at the top it appears that	
15 there certain CLOs that were registered in 16 Sentinel's name and others that were not?	15 Gareth Pereira sends to Clayton Price and Casey	
	16 McDonald a bunch of financial documents, and this	
	17 takes place in June of 2021 I think around the	
18 Q But all of the CLOs will be distributing	18 time of those new directors coming on. Does that	
19 on May 1?	19 sound right?	
20 A Typically the distributions occur on	20 A Okay, sorry.	
21 May 1.	21 Q No, that's fine.	
22 Q And so for those even for those that	22 A What was the question?	
23 are not registered in Sentinel's name Sentinel	23 Q So the question was to confirm that these	
24 will get a distribution on May 1?	24 financial documents were provided to the new	
25 A It doesn't come to Sentinel, it sits out	25 directors last June, 2021.	

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Q What was the nature of that dividend? 18 also to account for the SeaOne valuation?
19 A Dividend up to the parent company of 19 A Yes.
20 Sentinel. 20 Q So the end looking at the statement of
Q Was it Mainspring and Montage that it was 21 cashflows, the end of 2020 or November, 2020, cash
22 paid to on the org chart? 22 on hand is \$27,076,000?
23 A I believe so. 23 A Correct.
Q Ultimately owned by Mr. Dondero and Q Do you know what the current state of cash
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	ng and when they were being
	nel's name two of the
	icates were lost so were
4 schedules, so just flip forward a few pages, and I unable to be re-regis	tered and somebody from
5 want to look actually at Page 9 of that, you will 5 Highland needed to a	assist with that process and it
6 have to flip the exhibit, it is investment holding 6 hasn't happened yet.	
7 statement of Sentinel Reinsurance. And this goes 7 Q So I guess that was	as my next question.
8 back, I think, to some of the questions we have 8 Would those di	d those transfers
9 about what does Sentinel actually hold. 9 originate from Highlan	nd entities?
10 I have a number of questions about these 10 A I don't know wh	ere they came from.
	eone from Highland would
12 these were actually transferred to Sentinel and if 12 have to re-register?	
	Highland needed to help with
14 example, on the first one, the Aberdeen LN Funding 14 the process because I	
	were familiar with and would
16 Sentinel? 16 have the means to be	
	ney could register them in
18 date, that would have been the date that Sentinel 18 Sentinel's name.	icy could register them in
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	about where those the
20 8/11/2017 was part of the ATE premium that was	
21 paid in. 21 originated, would Beed	
	outside Beecher's knowledge?
23 So the next three lines then are all it 23 A I believe that is	outside Beecher's
24 is a 2014 acquisition date, a 2013, and a 2014 for 24 knowledge.	
25 Eastland, Greyson and Greenbriar CLO interests, is 25 Q If you could just	confirm on a break the
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	ed and the two that were
2 A Correct. 2 not.	
3 Q Were those successfully transferred and 3 A Yes.	
4 registered in Sentinel's name? 4 Q That would be greater	
	think we confirmed was
6 Sentinel's name and one is not. 6 not registered in Senti	nel's name, and then
7 Q Do you know which two are? 7 looking at the ATE train	nsfers the next one is the
8 A I don't know. There is another one down 8 Greenbriar CLO, again	1, 8/11/2017, was that
9 below with a 1/7/2014 date. Two of those 9 successfully registered	d in Sentinel's name?
10 investments are in Sentinel's name and two of them 10 A I don't believe s	0.
11 are not. 11 Q How about the tw	o Southforks?
12 Q Is that something that you could easily 12 A I believe those v	vere.
13 confirm on a break? 13 Q Those were.	
	ford CLO no, sorry,
15 Q Which ones are registered in Sentinel's 15 strike that, that was 20	
16 names and which aren't. 16 Okay, those were	
	overnance Re limited
17 Looking at the Ge	
18 O That would be great.	
18 Q That would be great. 18 promissory note, secong 19 Reecher have any known 19 Reecher have	
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19 The Valhalla CLO Limited at the bottom, 20 was that registered to Sentinel successfully? 19 Beecher have any know 20 that note can be paid or	vledge about whether and if n?
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Q You can set that document aside.	1 monthly reports, unless there was anything else 2 submitted to VRC which we don't already have."
2 Give me just one moment. This is a small 3 exhibit here.	
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`	4 just want to get your testimony about what your
5 identification.) 6 BY MR. BURT:	5 understanding of State Street is.
	6 MR. WELDON: Object. 7 You mean in reference to
7 Q This is Exhibit 135 Bates BC	
8 SEN00000120230. This is just it appears, 9 Mr. Adamczak, a back and forth that you had with	
9 Mr. Adamczak, a back and forth that you had with 10 Allison Borman at Crowe.	9 playing here with respect to the CLOs. 10 THE WITNESS: I don't know if it is the
	11 same reference to State Street, but State Street,
12 Q Do you see that?	12 I believe, had some custodial relationship with
13 A Yes.	13 the CLOs.
14 Q From June of 2018, so after the ATE. And	14 BY MR. BURT:
15 the subject is the Sentinel 12/31 BRC valuation 16 source docs. And Allison writes to you and	15 Q With all of them? 16 A I don't know.
17 Ms. Devins, "I just spoke with Lisa and she	
	17 Q You can set that aside.
18 mentioned you'd discussed some of our open items, 19 one of which I wanted to follow-up on. We do	Now, the policy after the policy was
20 still need the source does of information sent to	19 enacted there were two endorsements to the policy 20 that were made, is that right?
21 BRC to value the CLOs as of 12/31."	
Let me stop there first of all. Who is 23 Lisa?	Q What is your understanding of the reasons for the endorsements?
24 A Lisa worked for the audit firm of	
25 Sentinel, Crowe.	A The first was to adjust the premium to reflect the fair value of assets received.
1 Q So she was a colleague of Allison's?	1 And the second was to adjust the limits in
2 A Correct.	2 premium to segregate the risk mitigation fee that
3 Q And this open item was to get the source	was funded, pre-funded.
4 does that you all had sent to BRC as part of the	4 Q Why was it necessary to adjust the
5 CLO valuation, right?	5 premium?
6 A Correct.	6 A For the fair value of the assets?
Q Do you recall what source document she was	Q Right. Endorsement number one.
8 referring to?	8 A That was a suggestion by the auditors.
9 A There were some reports detailing the	9 Q Did they provide a rationale for that
10 underlying loans that were part of the CLOs, so	10 suggestion?
11 any details on outstanding balances, defaulted	11 A They indicated that without adjusting the
12 balances, anything that was maybe payment	12 premium to match it would require additional
13 schedules, whatever they needed to support their	13 disclosures in the audited financial statements.
14 valuation.	Q And was that a problem to provide
15 Q And when did VRC perform the valuation of	15 additional disclosures?
16 the CLOs?	16 A It was going to be time consuming and take
17 A After December 31, 2017, that was for the	17 away from the content of the financial statements.
18 12/31 valuations.	18 Q So the auditor had a suggestion to do
19 Q Do you recall when that valuation came in,	19 that. Did they provide that suggestion to you?
20 was it springtime, 2018?	20 A They provided it to me. We had a
21 A It was sometime between spring to yes,	21 discussion with the auditors and the directors and
22 sometime in the spring.	22 it was ultimately decided to amend the policy to
22 sometime in the spring.23 Q And she then says in the next line, "When	23 reflect the actual fair value of the assets

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A This was the two independent directors.	1 recall this sheet.
2 This is prior to Matt DiOrio.	2 A Okay.
Q Is this something that you have done	3 Q Do you recall this sheet?
4 before on other policies, change the premium to	4 A I don't.
5 reflect assets transferred?	Q Do you have any reason to dispute you did
6 A This is the first situation like this that	6 not create it?
7 we have seen where there were assets that were	7 A No.
8 taken in as opposed to cash.	8 Q Looking at so it appears here listed as
9 Q And have you ever seen anything like it	9 a number of Beecher clients and the reviewer and
10 since?	10 responsibility with various information, due
11 A I have not.	11 dates, and then comments on the last column.
12 Q I actually we have been talking about	12 A Sure.
13 all sorts of investment vehicles. Was it	13 Q Right?
14 difficult to account for these and keep track of	So looking at Sentinel Reinsurance Limited
15 them and figure out what best to do for accounting	15 the reviewer is listed as you. Do you know what
16 for them and how they affected everything?	16 reviewer means in this context?
17 A That is why we chose to hire the	17 A The person responsible for reviewing the
18 independent valuation consultants to help	18 financial statements.
19 determine and value.	Q And then responsibilities listed is Alli?
20 (Document marked Exhibit 136 for	20 A That would be the person preparing
21 identification.)	21 financial statements.
22 BY MR. BURT:	Q And in the comments to Sentinel it states,
23 Q We only have one copy of the cover sheet	23 "Can't really do financials, lots of crazy
24 that produced as native, this is the same	24 investments and special project, tons of follow-up
25 document. That will be our official copy.	25 and when they need something it's needed quickly."
Go ahead and look at it, please.	Do you recall that at the time?
1 10	Do you recall that at the time? A That sounds like something I would put,
MR. WELDON: Do you have it? MR. BURT: I have it.	
4 BY MR. BURT:	3 yes.4 Q And why would you have put that regarding
5 Q Go ahead, take your time and take a look	5 Sentinel's investments?
6 at it.	6 A At the time this is prior to having any of
Showing you Exhibit 136, there should be a	the valuations so we were still figuring out how
8 sheet that shows an Excel sheet and then some	8 to handle those investments.
9 metadata off to the side about when it was created	9 Q And you called them crazy investments.
10 and then there should be a clean copy of the Excel	10 Were they new types of investments?
11 sheet which is clearer. Is that included there?	11 MR. WELDON: Objection.
12 A This?	12 THE WITNESS: Out of the traditional
13 Q Yes.	13 investment portfolios of our captives.
That's the sheet that has on the right	14 BY MR. BURT:
15 side that's from the document metadata that shows	15 Q Are all of these listed here are they
16 the creator, the author, which is listed as you,	16 captive insurance companies?
17 and then the date, the file date 12/5/2017, and a	17 A I believe so.
18 time as well, do you see that?	18 Q You had one other Caymans entity, BHC-LTC
19 A Sure.	19 Insurance Limited, and it's you state there it
Q And then the Excel sheet is just a clean	20 is a standard normal account. So that was just a
21 copy of what is so it is easier to read. But	21 straightforward one?
22 it is the same sheet.	22 A Correct.
So this appears to be based on the	23 Q No real comparison to what Sentinel is
24 metadata a sheet that you created on December 5,	24 doing?
25 2017. Take a look at that and let me know if you	25 A Correct.

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1 Q When the valuations took place did that	1 recognized. What is the gain that you are
2 help bring things somewhat in order?	2 referring to?
3 A Yes.	3 A I believe on the initial recording of the
4 Q As far as putting the financials together?	4 policy the premium was assumed to be the stated
5 A Yes.	5 25 million so that's what we recorded as premium
	6 collected, and should the investments come in
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7 completely independent from Sentinel and Highland?	7 lower we would have had a loss, should they come
8 A Yes.	8 in higher we would have had a gain, so that was
9 Q And is it correct that Beecher hired them?	9 just the recording of the fair value of the
10 MR. WELDON: Objection.	10 assets.
11 THE WITNESS: Sentinel hired them.	11 Q Got it, okay.
12 BY MR. BURT:	In the balance sheet that shows up as an
13 Q Sentinel hired them on Beecher's	13 asset.
14 recommendation?	Let's say that 25 million of cash had been
15 MR. WELDON: Objection.	15 paid for the premium and it was a \$25 million
16 THE WITNESS: Correct.	16 policy and it was paid for in cash, there would be
	17 no need to adjust later on the accounting for that
· ·	_
18 identification.)	18 premium, right?
19 BY MR. BURT:	19 A Correct.
Q Going back to the endorsements, and we can	20 Q So the need to adjust in the financial
21 mark this as our next exhibit, showing you	21 statements comes from the fact that a bunch of
22 Exhibit 137 Bates labeled BC SEN000707455, if you	22 securities had been transferred of unknown value?
23 are ready, Mr. Adamczak, I can direct you to the	23 A Correct.
24 e-mail.	24 Q Was there a way to account for them other
25 A Sure.	25 than as premium as just somehow another gain to
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O It is the first-in-time e-mail from you	228 1 Sentinel?
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1 A Not true. 2 Q It is not, okay. How is that wrong?	2 MR. WELDON: Objection.
3 A So there is with the recording of a	THE WITNESS: I can't say.
4 premium on a policy you are also going to have an	4 BY MR. BURT:
5 offsetting loss to go along with it, and that loss	5 Q You can't say.
6 is reflective in how the actuarial analysis plays	6 So sitting here now strike that.
7 out.	7 You then say, "Essentially Sentinel has
8 Q So the insurance company on its financials	8 been overpaid by approximately 15 million.
9 records a gain in the payment in and a loss for	9 Although there doesn't appear to be anything in
10 the risk that's been taken on?	10 GAAP preventing the recording of the gain it does
11 A Correct.	11 create a significant amount of question as well as
12 Q So it's pre-booking the risk, in other	12 a ton of additional disclosures in the audit
13 words, for the potential loss?	13 report."
14 A Yes.	14 I get the point that you made that there
15 Q Did that 40 million valuation was that	15 is a bunch of work that would have had to have
16 just the CLOs and other sources or did it include	16 been done, but nothing from you say here
17 the cash that was also transferred in?	17 nothing from GAAP or accounting principles would
18 A The 40 million would have reflected at	18 preclude recording that as an investment gain, the
19 that time the net assets that were received.	19 delta between the premium and the valuation,
20 Q Inclusive of cash?	20 right?
21 A Inclusive of cash.	21 A Whether it was recorded as a gain or
22 Q So the gain that you are referring to	22 additional premium wouldn't have changed the fact
23 here, the problem is that the premium was only	23 that there wasn't going to be premium going back
24 25 million creating a gain. You are referring to	24 to the insureds.
25 there would have been no offset for that, like	25 Q Is that the dispositive point for why you
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1 there would have been for just the 25 million	felt like it needed to be reported as premium?
2 cash?	2 A We had the discussion with the auditors
3 A We were talking about an investment gain,	and then with the directors and the directors
4 we were talking about premium at that time, so.	4 chose to have the policy amended.
5 Q And then you say because there is no	5 Q You state in the next paragraph,
6 return of overpayment of premium it gives rise to	6 "Alternatively, if we can adjust the premium to
7 the question is this an arm's length transaction,	7 40 million it would resolve the issue on there,"
8 what did you mean by that?	8 so that appears to be the suggestion the auditors
9 A So the policy although stated that the	9 made that was adopted?
10 premium was 25 million the intention with the	10 A Correct.
11 transaction since there was no there wasn't	11 Q Mr. Sevilla asks, "How much cash will
12 sufficient cash to be able to pay the premium all	12 Sentinel have to hold per CIMA if the premium is
13 of those assets were to go into Sentinel.	13 40 million assuming the term is two years."
Should there be an appreciation in value	14 Is the term that he's referring to is that
15 or a found improvement in the value of the assets	15 the term over which the risk is accounted for?
16 received there would be no return of premium above	16 A Correct.
17 the 25 million to the insureds.	17 Q And you respond, "J.P., cash is still fine
Q But isn't the reality that really wasn't	18 under the proposed option, Sentinel's maintained
19 an arm's length transaction, right, you had	19 cash is required" I think you meant to be at
20 J.P. Sevilla organizing on both sides?	20 least "at least be equal to 100% of reserves
21 MR. WELDON: Objection.	21 which are not affected by this option."
22 THE WITNESS: I don't know.	22 Stopping there, what are the reserves that
23 BY MR. BURT:	23 you are referring to?
24 Q But that's the fact, right, you have	24 A That would be the loss reserves per the
25 testified about it earlier today, J.P.'s role in	25 actuarial analysis.

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1	Q And what does CIMA require specifically?	1	A So at the time that the policy was written
2	A It's not necessarily a CIMA requirement,	2	and we were working on accounting for it we had
3	but it was a requirement per the investment policy	3	discussions with J.P. and Isaac regarding the
4	that Sentinel had sought approval from CIMA. The	4	expected what was the term the expected risk
5	investment policy stated that at any time cash	5	period, and it was determined based on the
6	reserves would be held at least equal to the loss	6	schedule that was estimated that it would be a
7	reserves.	7	two-year period so the premium was being earned
8	Q And the loss reserves were determined how?	8	over that two-year period. And this was
9	A Actuarially as I stated previously.	9	indicating if there was a delay in that should we
10	Q Was that Jason Stubbs who was determining	10	extend the policy period and I said that, no, that
11	that?	11	wasn't appropriate to do that.
12	A That's correct.	12	Q And you write here in the next line, "This
13	Q Was that reflected in his actuarial	13	would cause more concern with whether it is an
14	analysis that we looked at earlier?	14	arm's length transaction." What did you mean that
15			time?
16		16	
	the amount of loss reserves that should be kept?	1	policy term to extend the risk period that it
18	•		could cause concerns of whether it being an arm's
	well.		length transaction.
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	surplus requirements are that Sentinel must	22	
	maintain surplus in excess of 125% of the greater		question is asked by J.P. whether the insureds
	of, one, minimum capital requirements, 200K; or,		need to sign on the amendment or could it I
	two, prescribe capital requirements 15% of earned		think he is referring to the endorsement or could
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	234	1	it he many of an internal many, and you noully an
	premium. Because earned premium would increase there would be a great minimum surplus under this	1	it be more of an internal memo, and you reply on
2		2	June 6, "Based on the fact that they signed the
3	option."	3	original policy I would say the insured should
4	So help me understand what you are saying		
5		4	sign the endorsement. You could run that question
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1 (Document marked Exhibit 138 for	1 the valuation on multi-strat?
2 identification.)	2 A No.
3 BY MR. BURT:	3 Q How did that go, how is that valuation
4 Q So handing you what's been marked as	4 performed?
5 Exhibit 138, Bates MD_00000010, it's towards the	5 A That fund is audited and carries a net
6 very end, you will find the two endorsements	6 asset value so it is easily determined.
7 there, Endorsements 1 and 2.	7 Q Whatever portion of ownership interest
8 So first of all, do you know when	8 Sentinel has, is that portion of the assets of the
9 Endorsement 1 actually was signed?	9 fund?
10 A I think it was signed in June, 2018.	10 A Yes.
11 Q Around the time of your e-mails	MS. REPORTER: What are you saying,
12 A Yes.	12 valuation on the multi-strat?
13 Q that we just looked at?	13 MR. BURT: He said multi-strategy. We
14 A Yes.	14 sometimes shorten to multi-strat, S-T-R-A-T.
Q So Endorsement 1, it states that the	15 BY MR. BURT:
16 premium is stated in the schedule as adjusted to	16 Q Do you refer to it as multi-strat?
17 \$68,362,333.62 to include the total fair value of	17 A Multi-strat, yes.
18 the received assets consists of cash of 11 million	Q Did anyone at the insureds agree with the
19 and miscellaneous receivables of \$1,753,000 and an	19 policy premium could increase by three times
20 investment portfolio of \$55,525,000 as measured at	20 without increasing the coverage amount?
21 fair value on the date of the transfer.	A I am not aware if that was presented to
So in the e-mails we had just looked at we	22 the insureds.
23 had seen a 40 million all-in figure. How did we	Q Because the coverage amount stayed the
24 go from that figure to the 68 million that's in	24 same, the 100 million
25 Endorsement 1?	25 A Correct.
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1 A I believe there was another investment	1 Q in Endorsement 1.
2 that we were unaware of what it represented and	A But at the time of the inception of the
3 were able to get more information related to the	3 policy there was a risk that the assets received
4 fair value of that, which bumped it up from	4 would increase but there was also a risk that
5 40 million to the 68 million.	5 those assets would decrease.
Q So that investment alone was worth	6 Q And what's the significance of that, the
7 28 million?	7 risk on both sides?
8 A Yes.	8 A It's a risk that they were that
9 Q What was that investment?	9 Sentinel was taking when they accepted a basket of
10 A It was the Highland Multi-Strategy Credit	10 unmarketable securities as premium
11 Fund.	11 Q Okay.
Q What form was that investment, was that a	12 A with only 11 million being in cash.
13 CLO, was that a promissory note?	Q Are you mentioning that to make the point
14 A That is a limited partnership that	14 that there was no problem with not increasing the
15 Highland managed.	15 coverage amount by a comparative amount with the
16 Q And Sentinel obtained the interest in?	16 increase in the premium?
17 A Correct.	17 A The understanding was that the premium
Q So when you wrote that e-mail about the	18 sorry, the investments could be worth
19 40 million	19 significantly more than 25 million or they could
20 A That was prior to.	20 be significantly less than 25 million.
21 Q Prior to that, neither Beecher nor the	21 Q But the coverage would be 100,000,000
22 auditor fully understood or was able to value that	22 Either Way?
23 multi-strat interest?	23 A Correct.
24 A Correct.	24 Q And who was that understanding shared by?
25 Q Did the valuation company did they perform	25 A That was based on discussions with J.P.
The state of the s	

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Q Do you know how CIMA when CIMA learned		premium. The above matters cast significant doubt
of Endorsement 1 how CIMA reacted to it?		2 on the economic substance and business purpose of
3 A I don't recall how their reaction was.		the transactions relating to the ATE coverage. Do
4 Q Okay.		4 you recall receiving that from CIMA?
In your pile, the CIMA, the big thing of		5 A I do.
6 CIMA reports, it is Exhibit 126, so I want to look		Q And what was Beecher's reaction to that?
at the page, it is part of the AML report towards		A Sorry, what was the question now?
8 the back, it ends in Bates 78819, do you see there		Q My question is what was Beecher's reaction
9 there is AML findings and then the first finding		9 when informed by CIMA that there was significant
10 is 5.2.1.1?		10 doubt on the economic substance and business
11 A Yes.		11 purposes of the transaction relating to the ATE
Q So the second full paragraph under that		12 coverage?
13 finding begins with the U.S. dollar 68.3 million,		A Beecher discussed with the directors and
14 do you see where I am?		14 formulated the response here under management's
15 A Yes.		15 comments to explain the process as far as how the
Q So it states there, "The U.S. 68.3 million		16 premium was determined and the assets coming in.
17 stemming from the transaction described above		Q And did you help draft that?
18 increased the licensee's investment portfolio from		A I have reviewed and helped edit the
19 U.S. 12 million as of December 31, 2016, to U.S.		19 document.
20 86 million as of as at December 31, 2017.		Q Do you know who was the primary drafter?
21 Included in the U.S. 86 million is approximately		A I think it was a combination of the
22 U.S. 37 million being funds invested in Highland		22 directors and Beecher.
23 Multi-Strategy Credit Fund Limited," which is what		Q Which directors in particular?
24 you mentioned?		24 A All of them.
25 A Correct.		Q Do you recall working with Matt DiOrio and
24.		244
Q "A hedge fund affiliated to Highland		1 Katie Irving on developing responses to the CIMA
2 Capital Management, LP."		2 reports?
The U.S. 37 million is part of the		3 A I did.
U.S. 55.5 million transferred to the licensee in		Q Did they play a role in developing these
5 part fulfillment of the premium payment for the		5 responses?
6 ATE cover. The audit opinion on the financial		A I believe Matt did.
statements for the year ended December 31, 2017		Q I see the management comments on Page 6
8 was qualified partly on the basis that the		8 and 7 of the AML report on Page 8 the authority
9 investment in Highland Multi-Strategy Credit Fund		9 responds, and we have already read part of that
10 Limited could not be valued. Those charged with		10 regarding Jason Stubbs where they noted he was not
11 the licensee's governance could not explain the		involved in premium pricing but just in
12 basis upon which the investments have been valued		12 calculation of loss reserves, and then skipping
on or about August 1, 2017 for the purpose of		13 the long paragraph, the second paragraph from the
14 premium settlement. Also, they could not explain		bottom, states, "In addition, in any case to amend
15 the reason why the information was relied on to		an insurance policy to artificially inflate the
16 value the investments for the purpose of premium		16 premium amount to equal the value of the
17 settlement could not be readily provided to the		17 investments transferred to the licensee without
18 auditors upon request considering that the policy		18 any justifiable business purpose in economic
19 inception and the financial statements audit were		19 substance is at the very least questionable."
20 only a few months apart."		So that was CIMA's ultimate determination
Then states, "In addition, those charged		21 with regards to Endorsement 1, wasn't it?
22 with governance could not explain where the		A That is how it would appear, yes.
23 ownership in the U.S. 68.3 million in investments		23 Q I can't recall, I believe you testified
24 and cash vested prior to being transferred to the		24 you have not done this with any other insurance
25 licensee for settlement of the ATE coverage		25 policy in your career working on insurance

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1 policies, done such an endorsement?	1 the loss?
2 MR. WELDON: Objection.	2 A Yes.
3 THE WITNESS: I think that's correct.	Q Endorsement 2 we see that the premium is
4 BY MR. BURT:	4 reduced to 59,362,000 and that 9 million has been
5 Q So sitting here today and looking back,	5 prepaid by the insured to the insurer to cover
6 would you agree with CIMA that this was a	6 risk mitigation costs which include but are not
7 questionable thing to do to adjust the premium in	7 limited to legal defense costs and the limited
8 this manner?	8 indemnity is reduced to 91 million in the
9 MR. WELDON: Objection. 10 THE WITNESS: I understand the reasons for	9 aggregate.
1-7	So essentially is it correct that 11 9 million is taken out of what had been booked as
11 why it was done and I don't know what else I can	
12 say on that.	12 premium and put as risk mitigation or prepaid risk
13 BY MR. BURT:	13 mitigation? 14 A Correct.
14 Q Let's look at Endorsement 2, it's not in 15 the CIMA report, but I think you have it right	14 A Correct. 15 Q Was that really just an accounting
16 there underneath.	16 transaction that happened or was money actually
17 So how long after Endorsement 1 did	17 moved in any accounts?
18 Endorsement 2 happen?	18 A There was no money being moved there, that
19 A Within a short period of time.	19 was just the recording of a liability for that
20 Q Like what does short mean in this context?	20 pre-funded balance.
21 A A week, maybe two weeks.	21 Q And that so that 9 million showed up as
22 Q And describe what the problem was that was	22 a liability on Sentinel's books?
23 trying to be addressed in Endorsement No. 2.	23 A Correct.
24 A The risk mitigation fees that had been	24 MR. BURT: So let's do Tab 35.
25 paid to this point under the view of the auditors	25
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1 indicated that a claim had occurred and if a claim	1 (Document marked Exhibit 139 for
2 had occurred the liability would need to be	2 identification.)
3 recorded upfront in its full liability of the	3 MR. WELDON: What number is this?
4 actuarially-determined ultimate loss.	4 MS. REPORTER: 139.
Q Rather than spread out?	5 MR. BURT: Another short one.
A Rather than earning the premium out over	6 BY MR. BURT:
7 the entire risk period and then accruing that	Q Showing you 139 Bates BC SEN0000641688, an
8 liability for the reserves over that risk period.	8 e-mail from Matt DiOrio to you sending an
9 That would have posed a problem with the	9 ATE-related invoice on July 25, 2018, and he asks
10 investment policy which stipulated that cash had	10 t t t
	10 you to arrange payment for the invoice and you
11 to be maintained at or equal to the loss reserves,	11 reply the same day that "these are no longer
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2 actually asks the question "why are these not	2 behalf of the insured.
3 covered under the ATE policy," and you respond	3 Q So that is the definition of own costs.
4 'they are the defense costs that we had to pull	4 Where is is there another provision that
out of the policy on account of there being an	5 explains how those are to be treated under the
audit issue with paying defense costs under the	6 policy?
7 policy with no claim. If we left them under the	7 A That is the only one that I understand of
8 policy it would have required us to earn all the	8 the policy.
9 premium upfront and record the full actuarial	9 Q So here and I am not aware of it
10 ultimate. This would have triggered cash	10 showing up anywhere else in the policy, if it does
11 deficiencies in Sentinel." So that appears to be	11 and you recall if you can just point me to it,
12 the explanation that you gave.	12 here you are saying there is this definition of
13 A That's correct.	13 own costs which refers to the cost and expenses of
Q If you file a claim for accounting reasons	14 the representative and other service providers in
15 you have got to record the premium and the full	15 the normal course, including related tax, which
16 actuarial ultimate.	16 are incurred during the conduct of the legal
17 A Correct.	17 action on behalf of the insured. So all of those
18 Q And if you do that there is not enough	18 costs are defined as own costs.
19 cash so now you are in a cash problem and CIMA	So what is the significance tie that
20 gets triggered in essence?	20 together for me, what is the significance of that
21 A Correct.	21 to how you all chose to account and do Endorsement
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23 where if defense costs are being paid out of the	MR. WELDON: Objection, asked and
24 policy claims are made on the policy?	24 answered.
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253 1 were?	255 1 of you?
2 A They were sure.	2 A I do.
3 MR. WELDON: Objection.	3 Q Terrific.
4 THE WITNESS: But it's not	4 I think we have gone through the first
5 MR. BURT: Chris, you can laugh at this,	5 three, Aberdeen was not registered at Sentinel and
6 it never happened in any other policy, you do an	6 the two Southforks were, is that right?
7 accounting trick so you don't have to make a	7 A Correct.
8 claim. I am trying to understand this. I don't	8 Q The next is another Aberdeen LN FDG
9 know what is funny about it, Chris.	9 Limited PFD.
10 MR. WELDON: Well, I think you	10 First of all, do you know what difference
11 misunderstand what he is saying. There was an	11 between that one is and the first Aberdeen?
12 accounting auditor that came in and looked at the	12 A I don't.
13 policy. His testimony is pretty clear. And	13 Q Was this investment transferred to
14 auditor came in and said he had to adjust it	14 Sentinel?
15 because this isn't going to be covered under the	
16 policy.	
17 MR. BURT: That was Endorsement 1, I 18 haven't heard anything about an auditor on	17 PFD 144A. Is that registered in Sentinel's name? 18 A I don't believe it is.
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19 Endorsement 2.	19 Q And so to the best of Beecher's knowledge
20 THE WITNESS: This was all raised by the	20 if they were not transferred and registered at
21 auditors and in terms of how the loss reserves	21 to the best of Beecher's knowledge, if not
22 would end up needing to be recorded on Sentinel's	22 registered at Sentinel would they still be at
23 books as of year-end if there was a claim and it	23 Highland's CDO Opportunity Master Fund, LP?
24 was made clear to us that the triggering of the	24 MR. WELDON: Asked and answered. He
25 claim would be the judgment against the insureds.	25 already said he doesn't know where they are before
254 1 BY MR. BURT:	256
	1 they came. 2 BY MR. BURT:
Q Just so we are absolutely clear, yes or no, this has never been done on any other policy	3 Q You can answer.
4 you have worked on, correct?	4 A That's correct.
5 MR. WELDON: Objection.	5 Q What your counsel testified to?
6 THE WITNESS: I have not seen it done	6 MR. WELDON: I wasn't testifying, what his
7 before.	7 answer, his answer was
8 MR. BURT: Why don't we go ahead and take 9 a break.	8 THE WITNESS: I don't know where they are 9 held/custodied.
10 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the end of	10 BY MR. BURT:
11 Disk No. 4 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak,	11 Q The next one is Greenbriar CLO LTD PFD
12 we are off the record at 4:16.	12 144A.
13 (Recess taken.)	13 A Sorry, which one, the Greenbriar?
14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Here begins Disk No. 5	14 Q The Greenbriar CLO LTD PFD 144A.
15 in the deposition of Thomas Adamczak, we are back	15 A That one was not transferred in.
16 on the record at 4:41.	16 Q Next is Highland FINL Partners LP.
17 BY MR. BURT:	17 A The 615,733 was.
18 Q Mr. Adamczak, we are going to take a	18 Q And below that another Highland FINL
19 little detour and go back to Schedule A of the	19 Partners LP NPV?
20 asset purchase agreement to walk through quickly	20 A Was not.
21 the various investment instruments just to get for	Q Then we have Longstreet CDO I I think
22 the record whether they were transferred and	22 it is an I LTD PFD 144A.
23 registered at Sentinel.	23 A It is not.
24 A Okay.	Q Then Nexpoint C COM USD0.001 (POST REV S)?
Q Do you have a copy of Schedule A in front	25 A That one was.
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1 Q Next is PAM CAP FDG LP 0.001MAY13 144A.	1 Q And then underneath that is CAMBR 5X
2 A That one was not.	2 Floating - 12/2045.
Q Then is TOUSA INC 8.0 PFD 144A?	3 A That was not.
4 A This one was not.	Q And then the cash of 7.779 was
5 Q Next is Valhalla CLO LTD 0.0 01 AUG23 144A?	5 transferred, correct?
6 A That was not.	A All of the cash was transferred in.
7 Q Next is Vertical ABS CDO 2 0.0 09MAY46	7 Q So that would apply to the next cash under
8 144A?	8 Highland CDO Opportunity Fund Limited, correct?
9 A That was not.	9 A Correct.
Q Just so I am clear, when you say it is	10 Q Then we get to Highland CDO holdings,
11 not	11 company, the first is HFT REAL EST 3.33867 25NOV5
12 A Not transferred into Sentinel.	12 144A F.
Q At any time, it was never registered in	13 A That was transferred.
14 Sentinel's name?	Q Then is Nexpoint C Com USD0.001 (POST REV
	15 S)?
16 If I indicate that one was transferred in 17 it is either in Sentinel now or it was transferred	
18 in and has since paid out and closed or sold.	18 A That was transferred in.
19 Q Or been moved?	19 Q Next is Stratford CL 3.16956 01NOV21 144A
20 A Right.	20 F.
21 Q And we will talk in a minute about	A That was transferred in.
22 Sebastian Clark and assets that were transferred	22 Q Then is Highland Park C4.93867 25NOV51
23 to Sebastian Clark, I think that is one of the	23 FRN?
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Q Vertical ABS CDO 2 0.0 09MAY46 144A?	2 spoke to Lisa. We have a potentially bigger issue
A That was not transferred in.	3 than the investments. Lisa just informed me they
Q And then cash that was transferred,	4 feel the ATE premium and ultimate loss should all
5 correct?	5 be recorded immediately and not earned pro rata
6 A Correct.	6 over a period." So I will stop there.
Q And then under Highland Financial Corp.,	7 Who is the Lisa that you are referring to?
8 cash that was transferred, correct?	8 A This is Lisa, the auditor with Crowe.
 9 A Correct. 10 Q And then there is Capital Management 	9 Q And so here Lisa said that the premium and
	10 ultimate loss should be recorded immediately,
11 tax refund receivable at Highland Capital	11 right?
12 Management, LP.	12 A Based on what we previously discussed if
Was that cash transferred or collected?	13 there was a claim payment it would indicate that
A Only in part. That was a refund from the	14 there is a claim and the claim should be recorded
15 IRS that when the refund came in it was in the	15 all upfront.
16 name of I am assuming Highland Financial Corp.,	16 Q And you write here, "The primary reason is
17 and as such could not be deposited into Sentinel's	17 that the loss event is known and, therefore, they
18 account. So Matt DiOrio had opened an account in	18 feel this more like retroactive coverage, similar
19 that name, deposited the check, and then	19 to an LPT or a novation." What is an LPT or a
20 transferred the majority of the funds into	20 novation?
21 Sentinel's account.	21 A Loss portfolio transfer.
MR. WELDON: I think you had him testify	Q What does novation refer to?
23 about that check earlier today.	23 A A transfer of risk off your balance sheet
24 BY MR. BURT:	24 to somebody else.
25 Q Then we have Highland Financial Partners	25 Q Lisa even went back to Art and discussed
LP cash of 29,000 that was transferred, correct?	264 1 with him and he agreed. Who is Art?
2 A Correct.	2 A Art is a partner at Crowe.
3 Q Thank you.	3 Q They then you then say 'They are pretty
4 I don't have a question about	4 sure this" I think you meant to say is "how
5 transferring, just a question on actually the	5 it should be accounted for unless there is
6 entity description itself, under the in the	6 something/events that the policy covers that
7 first big box there for Highlands CDO Opportunity	7 is/are unknown other than the value of the loss.
8 Master Fund, the third from the bottom, the	8 I know this is going to require us to revise/amend
9 Highland Gemini program that's listed as Pollux,	9 the investment policy because we do not have
10 do you know whether that actually came from	10 nearly enough cash as of year-end. Had this been
11 Dugaboy?	11 known how it would need to be accounted for we
12 A I do not, no.	12 would have needed all premium in cash (or at least
13 MR. BURT: I think I gave the next	13 the much larger portion). Cash at year-end is
14 exhibit.	14 only \$11.4 million while the ultimate on the ATE
15 MR. WELDON: 140.	15 policy \$33.4 million."
16 MR. BURT: 140.	16 Ultimate there being the actuarial loss
17 (Document marked Exhibit 140 for	17 that was being
18 identification.)	18 A The actuarial determined loss projection.
19 BY MR. BURT:	19 Q Is this what triggered what led to
20 Q Showing, Mr. Adamczak, Exhibit 140, which	20 Endorsement 2?
21 is BC SEN0000585041, e-mails between you and	21 A Correct.
22 Mr. Kranz in July of 2018, do you see that?	22 Q So you hadn't yet decided the idea to
23 A I do.	23 do the risk mitigation expense to pull out the
1/4 (1 NOW LAM COMO IN DACK DOW/ ITOM AND	174 N9 million
24 Q Now, I am going to back now from our 25 detour back to Endorsement No. 2, so your e-mail	24 \$9 million 25 A Correct.

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Q as a prepaid balance.	1 Q What would CIMA what is CIMA's remedy	
2 That was decided after Lisa had raised	2 in that situation where the cash is insufficient	
3 this issue with you?	3 to meet the loss reserve requirement?	
4 A Correct.	4 A You would probably have to have a	
5 Q And you discussed that idea with Lisa?	5 corrective action immediately and bringing the	
6 A I did.	6 cash balances up in line with what the loss	
7 Q And she signed off on it?	7 reserves were.	
8 A The idea of	8 Q So a lot more cash would have to be	
9 Q Of doing a pre-funded 9 million risk	9 infused immediately?	
10 mitigation prepaid litigation balance.	10 A Absolutely.	
11 A We discussed with internally at Beecher	11 Q And that was something it appears the	
12 and with the directors and determined that the	12 directors including Mr. DiOrio wanted to avoid	
13 policy sorry, the claim the triggering event	13 having to do?	
14 of the claim would be the judgment, an unfavorable	14 MR. WELDON: Objection.	
15 judgment against the insureds. And because there	15 THE WITNESS: The nature of the	
16 was no judgment there could not be a claim so all	16 investments were such that would in order to	
17 of these expenses would be risk mitigation outside	17 sell off they would have ended up recognizing	
18 the actual indemnity payment.	18 substantial losses and they wanted to avoid that.	
19 Q So Lisa actually wasn't involved in that	MR. BURT: I gave you the wrong exhibit.	
20 decision it sounds like?	20 I take that back.	
21 A Lisa is an auditor for Sentinel, she	21 (Document marked Exhibit 141 for	
22 wouldn't be making any decisions.	22 identification.)	
23 Q Which directors did you discuss that with?	23 BY MR. BURT:	
24 A This would have been discussed with Andrew	24 Q Showing you Exhibit 141 Bates label BC	
25 Dean and Lesley Thompson.	25 SEN0000723353. Are you ready, Mr. Adamczak?	
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day before this e-mail to discuss this issue?	I am really just genuinely trying to
A We would have had a discussion with them.	2 understand, were the legal defense costs for the
Q Here you are following up and in the	3 litigation being paid out of that \$9 million
4 e-mail above from you to Lesley Thompson you	4 pre-funded balance?
5 attach the unanimous consent form with respect to	A I am not exactly sure the nature of the
6 Endorsement No. 2. Was that the consent form	6 legal fees that that were instructed to be
7 needed from the directors?	7 processed under the risk mitigation fees.
8 A Correct.	8 Q Were fees paid to continue to the run the
9 Q Is that different than the Endorsement No.	9 insureds since they had transferred all of their
10 2 we have been looking at?	10 assets, were there normal operating expenses being
11 A The unanimous consent form would have been	11 paid for out of those risk mitigations?
12 the formal governance document where the directors	12 A Yes.
13 signed off approving the Endorsement 2.	Q So unrelated to the mitigation, just a
	14 filing requirement for CDO fund or an expense that
15 questions and the last question, the last bullet	15 they incurred in the normal course?
16 is the one I want to focus on, and she asks, "Can	16 A Yes.
17 you explain the rational for changing the limits	Q And were those expenses that Highland was
18 on the policy? The original premium was \$25	18 submitting to Beecher for payment?
19 million, changed to \$68 million (to represent the	19 A Yes.
20 fair value of the assets) and now dropped to \$59	20 (Document marked Exhibit 142 for
21 million. If the company was willing to write the	21 identification.)
22 risk at the original deemed premium level why is	22 BY MR. BURT:
23 it now changing? As such I believe the company	23 Q Showing you Exhibit 142, this is Bates BC
24 should keep the liability limits at the original	24 SEN0000667053, starting in the first-in-time
25 agreed level."	25 e-mail on the second page, Mr. Adamczak, you send
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Do you recall that concern from	an e-mail to Jan Neveril, Damien Austin, Onson
2 Ms. Thompson?	2 Mukwedeya, and cc Matt DiOrio and Alli Devins.
3 A I don't recall.	And there you say, Jan and Damien, attached please
Q Do you recall responding to that, to this	4 find an invoice for Sentinel to be submitted to
5 e-mail?	5 Maples Paying Agency for disbursement. The
6 A I don't recall.	6 invoice is for Risk Mitigation fees for ATE
7 Q Do you know whether her concern was ever	7 policy. Please approve and respond to all with
8 resolved?	8 instructions to disburse funds from the Sentinel
9 MR. WELDON: Objection.	9 Reinsurance Account 677670."
THE WITNESS: As the directors had	Is that Sentinel Reinsurance account the
11 ultimately agreed and signed off on the	11 checking account at CIBC?
12 endorsement and the unanimous consent I believe	12 A No.
13 the concern was addressed.	13 Q What account is that?
14 BY MR. BURT:	14 A This is when Maples served as directors,
15 Q To do something like this did all the	15 they had the cash account that they managed.
16 directors have to unanimously agree?	16 Q So this was the Maples account?
17 A Yes.	17 A Correct.
Q One thing I want to clarify, so the \$9	18 Q Understood.
19 million in risk mitigation that is set aside, is	19 The Onson Mukwedeya name is new, who is
20 it one use of that money was to pay for legal	20 he?
21 defense costs as part of the UBS litigation for	21 A Somebody at Maples.
22 the Highland entities, is that right?	22 Q In response Damien Austin, who I believe
	23 is a director, is that right?
A We were directed to process invoices by	
 24 the directors under the risk mitigation fees. 25 Q So that's not precisely my question. 	24 A Correct. 25 Q He responds to you and Matt, "Before I
125 O So that's not precisely my question.	

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authorize this for payment I wanted to check with	1 the risk mitigation fees.
2 you how we go about determining that it should be	2 Q You then write, "I hope this helps. Matt
paid by Sentinel. I see that the invoice is	3 might be able to provide more specifics on the
4 addressed to HCM and is related to Highland v.	4 relationship or engagement letters if needed, but
5 UBS. How is Highland related to Sentinel? I	5 there wouldn't be any connection between Sentinel
6 don't think I have a full organizational chart, do	6 and the payees other than the fact that these are
you have one you can send to me please?" And he	7 to be covered under the ATE policy."
8 goes on.	8 What did you mean when you said there
9 Now, my first question about this is why	9 wasn't any connection between Sentinel and the
10 was it, if you know, that Mr. Austin didn't know	10 payees?
11 that Highland was related to Sentinel?	
12 A This may have been their first exposure to	12 and the entities that were performing the
13 any of the risk mitigation fees.	13 services, the services were not paid or were not
Q The fact that Highland and Sentinel have	14 provided to Sentinel directly.
15 common ownership, that wasn't hidden from	15 Q Now, you just mentioned a moment ago that
16 directors, right?	16 the directors had requested that Beecher process
17 A It wasn't hidden, no.	17 the invoice and assist with making sure the
And I believe Jan and Damian were new	18 payments are made. Which directors specifically
19 directors at this point as well.	19 have specifically requested that?
20 Q I see.	20 A All of the invoices that related to the
Then you respond to Damian and Jan and	21 risk mitigation fees came through our contact at
22 say, 'The invoice I previously sent is covered by	22 Highland.
23 the ATE policy as it relates to defense costs on	23 Q Which was Matt DiOrio?
24 the insured event."	24 A In this case Matt DiOrio.
Does that refresh your recollection about	25 Q At other times did they come from
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whether legal defense costs were paid out of the	1 J.P. Sevilla?
2 pre-funded balance?	2 A It would have come from J.P., I believe.
A So it looks like those legal fees were	3 I don't recall.
4 being paid under the risk mitigation fee.	4 Q You can set that aside. Just give me one
5 Q 'These defense costs have been pre-funded	5 second.
6 9.0 million set aside from ATE premium and are	6 MR. BURT: Mark this as 143.
7 being tracked separately by us, to date prior to	7 (Document marked Exhibit 143 for
8 this invoice we have reimbursed \$5,438,351 of	8 identification.)
9 these 'Risk Mitigation Fees'", do you see that?	9 BY MR. BURT:
10 A I do.	10 Q Showing you, Mr. Adamczak, Exhibit 143
11 Q In between the Endorsement 2, which was	11 Bates labeled UBSPROD020567. Go ahead and take a
12 established I think you said sometime in late June	12 look at that and let me know if you recognize the
13 or early July of 2018, in between that time and	document.
14 November 20, 2018, over \$5 million had been	14 A I do.
15 reimbursed out of that risk mitigation pool, is	15 Q What do you understand this document to
16 that right?	16 be?
17 A To date 5 yes, 5 million was reimbursed	17 A This document was a sales agreement to
18 out of the risk mitigation fees.	18 transfer certain securities that we were told to
19 Q And do you know what the majority of those	19 be worthless to remove them from the balance sheet
	20 of Sentinel.
20 funds were being used for, what the expenses were?	
21 A I do not.	Q Who told you that they were worthless?
Q So how much was for legal versus how much	A That direction would have come from
23 was to run the insureds, you couldn't say?	23 Matt DiOrio.
24 A The directors had requested that we	Q As part of the valuation services that
25 process the invoices and reimburse them through	25 the Valuation Research Corp. had done had they

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determined that those these assets were	1 the transfer?
2 worthless?	A I am not recalling how that came about.
3 A They had not been engaged to perform	Q The parties listed are Sentinel Reinsuance
4 valuations on those investments and it was	4 Ltd., I think that is a typo, and then Sebastian
5 discussed that if those investments were worthless	5 Clark, Ltd., which states as an exempted company
6 there was no point in obtaining a valuation.	6 incorporated in the Cayman Islands.
7 Q Were these investments on Schedule A to	What did you understand Sebastian Clark to
8 the purchase agreement any of them?	8 be?
9 A Yes, they should all be on that schedule.	9 A My understanding is that Sebastian Clark
10 Q So Schedule A investments certain of those	10 is a Cayman entity that provides director services
11 investments were not actually valuated by	11 for other Sentinel-related entities.
12 Valuation Research Corp.?	12 Q Do you know who owns Sebastian Clark?
13 A Correct.	13 A I do not.
Q Who made the decision which one should be	Q Do you know whether Sebastian Clark had
15 valued and which one should not be valued?	15 any assets prior to the asset transfer agreement?
A That was the directors on discussions with	16 A I do not.
17 Beecher Carlson.	17 Q On page excuse me, on Schedule 1 of the
Q Were you involved in those discussions?	18 asset purchase agreement it lists that the
A From the standpoint of what made sense to	19 purchase price the total purchase price is \$3,
20 perform a valuation on, yes.	20 do you see that?
Q Which directors in particular were	21 A You said Page 1.
22 involved in those discussions?	22 Q Schedule 1, it looks like it is Page 5.
A Matt DiOrio in particular and then the	23 A Yes.
24 other directors were probably informed of it.	Q Do you recall how that purchase price was
25 Q But weren't involved in the discussions	25 come to?
themselves?	1 A A nominal value.
2 A They may have been involved in the discussions, but I don't recall.	2 Q And who made that decision? 3 A I am not sure.
4 Q But you do recall Matt DiOrio being	Q It was somebody outside of Beecher?
5 involved?	5 A It was not Beecher that determined that
6 A Definitely.	6 price.
7 Q And okay.	7 Q If we look at Schedule 2 it lists the
8 So in consultation with Mr. DiOrio the	8 assets that are being transferred, and two I want
9 decision is made the Valuation Research Corp. do	9 to look at, the Dugaboy Investment Trust
10 some valuations on certain investments but not	10 Promissory Note acquired 8/11/2017, and it says
11 others.	11 under the Par/Face column \$2,399,996.
How does this asset transfer agreement	Do you recall if that was the value on the
13 come to be, whose idea was it to transfer these	13 Dugaboy promissory note at the time?
14 off the balance sheet?	14 A That was probably the face value at the
15 A I don't recall.	15 time that that security was sold.
16 Q Was that something that Beecher would have	16 Q And Mr. DiOrio had determined that it was
17 initiated or was that beyond Beecher's	17 a worthless asset?
18 responsibilities?	18 A It was not paying interest anymore.
19 A It was beyond Beecher's responsibilities.	19 Q But the note was still valid, right, it
20 Q Would it have been a director, perhaps?	20 hasn't expired or anything like that, it was still
21 A Perhaps.	21 a valid promissory note?
22 Q But specifically you don't recall?	22 A I don't remember what the terms were. It
23 A I don't recall, no.	23 was probably delinquent at that point.
24 Q And who works on this asset transfer	Q And then in the next row, the CLO Holdco
25 agreement in putting it together and organizing	25 Ltd., Promissory Note for a face value of

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1 \$32,801,593, what do you understand about that	1 directors that were directors of some of the
2 promissory note?	2 Sentinel structure entities.
A The same as the Dugaboy Investment Trust	Q But not Sentinel itself?
4 promissory note.	4 A No.
5 Q Were these the assets that Beecher	Q Were they directors of Sebastian Clark?
6 discussed with Mr. DiOrio in determining what to	6 A I have no idea.
value and what not to value?	7 Q Here Mr. Sevilla writes, "Gentlemen, are
8 MR. WELDON: Objection.	8 you available to review a matter for approval
9 THE WITNESS: We discussed with Mr. DiOrio	9 today? The matter relates to certain securities
10 the valuation of all investments in the portfolio.	10 held at Sentinel Reinsurance Ltd., a Cayman
11 BY MR. BURT:	11 Islands registered captive insurance company, that
12 Q Right.	12 Sentinel currently marks at zero and which
13 And certain investments were determined	13 Sentinel would propose to transfer to Sebastian
	14 Clark for minimal consideration. My colleague
14 you all determined not to have value, is that	
15 right?	15 Matt DiOrio, copied, is a director of Sentinel and
MR. WELDON: Objection.	16 will provide more detail in a subsequent e-mail."
17 THE WITNESS: It was not determined by	In this timeframe, the end of 2019, is
18 Beecher that any investments had no value, that	18 that about when Beecher also learned of the
19 was something that was told to us by Matt DiOrio.	19 potential transfer to Sebastian Clark?
20 BY MR. BURT:	20 A I don't think we were aware of this until
Q Did Beecher do anything independent to	21 after it happened.
22 confirm that they were worthless?	22 Q Oh, until after the transfer had been
A We had no way of confirming anything.	23 finalized?
Q So, no, no documents or information had	A Or at least until after the effective date
25 been provided from Sentinel or from any of the	25 of the transfer.
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1 transferring entities?	1 Q And if you look at if you just flip one
A Sentinel had no documents.	2 page further, the copy of the asset transfer
3 Q Do you know who controls Dugaboy	agreement, it is dated as of 31, December, 2019,
4 Investment?	4 which is the same date of J.P. Sevilla's e-mail,
5 A I do not.	5 is that right?
6 Q How about CLO Holdco?	6 A Yes.
7 A I do not.	7 Q The next e-mail up in the chain
8 Q Let's look in conjunction with this,	8 Matt DiOrio responds to the same individuals and
9 Exhibit 144?	9 says, 'These securities mentioned have been marked
10 (Document marked Exhibit 144 for	10 at zero since acquisition in August, 2017. We
identification.)	11 tried to have them valued by a third party but
12 BY MR. BURT:	12 could not provide enough information to do so as
13 Q Showing you Exhibit 144, Bates BC	13 most are crisis era instruments that have been
14 SEN0000638619, which is a series of e-mail and	14 worthless for close to a decade. Sentinel needs
15 then another attachment of the asset transfer	15 them off the books to avoid a qualified opinion on
16 agreement.	16 its audit as CIMA has informed us it will no
17 I'd like to show you the first-in-time	17 longer accept such an opinion. Information for
18 e-mail from J.P. Sevilla on December 31, 2019.	18 the worthless positions is listed below."
19 And he e-mails here, John Cullinane, David	What's a qualified opinion on an audit?
20 Egglishaw, cc'ing Matt DiOrio and Katie Irving	20 A It's a type of audit opinion that is not
21 regarding Sebastian Clark Ltd Urgent.	21 clean.
Do you know who John Cullane and	
23 David Egglishaw were?	A That its modified for certain items
A I do not know them personally. But my	24 generally considered to be negative as far as from
25 understanding is they were independent outside	25 the viewpoint of anyone reviewing the financial

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1	statements.	1	transferred back from Sebastian Clark do they have		
2	Q Do you know why having these assets on	2	a value now?		
3	Sentinel's books would have led to a qualified	3	A Not to my knowledge.		
4	opinion?	4	Q They have not been valued by anyone?		
5	A Because the investments could not be	5	Do you know how they show up		
6	valued whether favorably or unfavorably the	6	MS. REPORTER: I didn't get an answer, you		
7	auditors were unable to opine that the assets were	7	shook your head.		
8	fairly stated and therefore they caused	8	THE WITNESS: Sorry, no, they do not have		
9	qualifications to the audit report.	9	any value assigned to them.		
10	Q And Mr. DiOrio says that "CIMA has	10	BY MR. BURT:		
11	informed us that it will no longer accept such an	11	Q And no valuation has been done on them?		
12	opinion," was that part of the CIMA review that	12	A That is correct.		
13	had taken place in 2019 where they had said that?	13	Q Where do they show up in the financial		
14	A That is correct.	14	4 statements?		
15	Q If you go to the first page of the e-mail	15	5 A We haven't completed financial statements		
16	chain on the same day David Egglishaw writes back	16	6 for November, 2021 yet.		
	to Matt saying, 'On behalf of Sebastian Clark Ltd	17			
	we hereby consent to the transfers listed below."	18	8 show up, how they will be accounted for?		
19	And then a month later Matt DiOrio sends	19	A They will show up in the asset holding		
20	along the signed APA and it says please execute on	20) schedule.		
21	the Sebastian Clark side at your convenience and	21	Q And will values be assigned to them?		
22	Mr. Cullinane responds with the attached fully	22	A They will have a value of 0 assigned to		
23	executed agreement, and then which we can see	23	3 them unless we know otherwise.		
24	here in the attachment on the last page. Do you	24	4 Q Is Beecher trying to obtain a valuation of		
25	see that?	126	5 the assets?		
	See that:	23	the assets?		
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1 transactions and affairs of the company since the	1 debt that is owed by a creditor?
2 last meeting of the directors on the 4th of August	2 A Not to my knowledge.
3 2016 accordingly who's resolved that all acts of	3 MR. BURT: Christian, we are getting
4 the directors and agents of the company taken on	4 really close, let us take five minutes to organize
5 behalf of the company since 4 August 2016 being	5 things.
6 hereby and are hereby approved and ratified.	6 MR. WELDON: Yes.
7 So here it states that the directors	7 MR. BURT: If we can.
8 hadn't met since the 4th of August, 2016 which is	8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are going off the
9 inconsistent with what it says on the first page	9 record, the time is 5:42.
10 that there was an 8 December 2017 meeting. Do you	10 (Recess taken.)
11 know what was going on there?	11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are on the record,
12 A I do not know or recall what the	12 the time is 5:53.
13 December 8, 2017 meeting reviewed. It may have	13 BY MR. BURT:
14 been a brief meeting that may not have covered all	14 Q Mr. Adamczak, we are just about done here,
15 of the items and had the catchall resolution to	15 a few final mop-up questions.
16 approve all prior acts since the last meeting.	16 Looking at Exhibit 140 134, I wasn't
17 Q Did Beecher write the minutes for the	17 even close, 134, Page 9 of the investment holding
18 meetings?	18 statement for Sentinel Reinsurance from
19 A Beecher as part of its captive management	19 November 30, 2020, we had looked earlier in the
20 role would typically take minutes for the meetings	20 day that there were four investments that were
21 and draft and then send those minutes to directors	21 prior to the 2017 ATE transfers and those are
22 for review and commentary.	22 listed there, the Eastland, there was a
23 Q On the first page in attendance	23 Greenbriar, there was a Greyson CLO, and then the
24 J.P. Sevilla and Katie Irving for SAS Asset	24 Stratford CLO, is that right?
25 Recovery are in attendance. Do you know why they	25 A That's correct.
1 are in attendance?	296 1 Q And I believe you were able during a break
2 A As members of Highland and knowledgeable	2 to confirm some information about those transfers,
3 members of the activities centering around	3 is that right?
4 Sentinel.	4 A That is correct.
5 Q They would attend board meetings?	5 Q What were you able to learn?
6 A Correct.	6 A The Eastland and Greyson CLOs are not
7 Q They didn't have a vote?	7 transferred into Sentinel's name and the other two
8 A No.	8 are.
9 Q Is that right?	9 Q And is it correct that just as with the
10 A No.	10 Schedule A assets those pre-ATE transfers Beecher
11 Q What did they do at the board meetings, if	11 don't have any insight into where who the
12 you recall?	12 transferor was, who those came from?
13 A I don't, unless it was specifically	13 A Correct.
14 identified in the minutes. They could have just	14 Q You mentioned earlier in the day that I
15 been observing.	15 believe I asked you about whether the current
16 Q Going back to Sentinel as it exists today,	16 assets of Sentinel are sufficient to cover a
17 do you know who the creditors of Sentinel are if	17 potential payment on the ATE policy, and I believe
18 it has any?	18 you testified that, yes, they are, is that
19 A In what way?	19 correct?
20 Q So entities that have loaned Sentinel	20 A That's correct.
21 money, for example, if there were to be a	21 Q And I am wondering if you could explain
22 liquidation of Sentinel would there be various	22 how you know that, how the assets have been
23 organizations that are owed money by Sentinel?	23 valued.
24 A Not to my knowledge.	
	24 A As of what date are we talking about?
25 Q In other words, Sentinel hasn't issued any	24 A As of what date are we talking about? 25 Q As of today, so the latest valuation of

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1 those assets.	1 Sentinel.
2 A The latest valuation that we have on any	2 Q We have talked today about very clear
3 of the investments was as of December 31, 2020.	3 testimony about all of the assets of the insureds
4 Q 2020, so two years ago a year and a	4 were transferred over to pay the premium.
5 half ago?	5 Did anyone at Highland ever say why
6 A Yes.	6 Highland decided to transfer all of those assets?
7 Q Is the 2021 those statements are being	7 MR. WELDON: Objection.
8 worked on now?	8 THE WITNESS: It was our understanding
9 A The directors have not concluded whether	9 they did not have the cash to be able to pay the
10 they want to obtain valuations as of December 31,	10 premium so in lieu of receipt of premium in cash
11 2021.	11 they informed us that all of the assets would be
12 Q Do you know why?	12 transferred.
13 A I do not. They have been they have	13 BY MR. BURT:
14 been having discussions with the audit firm and	14 Q Right.
15 the auditors did not require it as they were	15 And that's I guess that's where the
16 likely disclaiming an opinion anyway.	16 rubber hits the road, because as we have gone
17 Q So as of the end of December, 2020 when	17 through the amount of premium was a little bit in
18 they were valued, what valuations were done on the	18 flux and it was later amended in Endorsement 1 to
19 assets at that time?	19 match the assets transferred, and so that decision
20 A The same valuations that they had done on	20 to transfer all the assets, did they ever say why
21 the investments in prior years.	21 Highland wanted to transfer all of the insured's
22 Q Done by the same service providers?	22 assets?
23 A Valuation Research Corp.	23 A I don't recall.
24 Q And that valuation at the end of 2020	24 Q You don't recall any discussions, for
25 yielded an amount sufficient to satisfy the entire	25 example, with J.P. Sevilla about that?
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1 premium, is that right?	1 A The only discussions that I recall were
2 A Say that again?	2 that there was going to be a risk in taking these
3 Q That was a poor very poorly worded	3 investments so there had to be some reward for
4 question.	4 taking on that risk and that reward was in the
5 The valuation at that time, in December	5 form of a potential windfall should the
6 of 2020, yielded an asset value at Sentinel that	6 investments prove to be worth more than nothing.
7 was sufficient to cover the ATE policy?	7 Q And that's what Mr. Sevilla told you?
8 A Correct.	8 A I don't remember if that was specifically
9 Q So \$91 million?	9 his words, but that was our understanding.
10 A Correct.	10 Q And that was Beecher's understanding?
11 Q And how are those assets held, do you know	11 A That was Beecher's understanding.
12 in what forms?	12 Q And is it fair to say that Beecher was not
13 A There is CLOs, there is promissory notes,	13 involved in the decision to transfer all the
14 there is limited partnerships, basically whatever	14 assets, that was made by Highland, right?
15 is left of the investments that weren't previously	15 A Beecher was not involved in that decision.
16 sold.	16 Q And all of the reasons for transferring
17 Q And there is cash still?	17 those assets were not Beecher was not made
18 A And there is still cash.	18 privy to, is that right?
19 Q And the SeaOne investment is still there,	19 A Beecher was not aware that there was any
20 for example?	20 information that was withheld from them.
21 A The SeaOne investment is owned by	Q Now, is Beecher aware that through the
22 SS Holdings, which is a subsidiary of Sentinel.	22 trustee now that CDO Fund has made a claim on the
23 Q And is it counted towards the assets of	23 policy?
I a	and the second s
24 Sentinel?25 A It is in the consolidated financials for	A That's correct.Q And when did Beecher become aware of that?

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1 A When the demand came through in early	1 BY MR. BURT:
2 2021.	2 Q Well, that contradicts what you testified
3 Q Has Beecher had conversations with the	3 to earlier where you said they were the ones
4 directors about that?	4 ultimately calling the shots as ultimate
5 A We have had limited conversations with the	5 beneficial owners.
6 directors regarding it.	6 MR. WELDON: Objection, misstates earlier
7 Q What have those conversations been?	7 testimony.
A That there had been no resolution in the	8 THE WITNESS: I don't remember what I
9 discussions, the settlement discussions or	9 said.
10 negotiations, with UBS.	10 BY MR. BURT:
Q And did the directors tell Beecher that	11 Q But you were testifying truthfully
12 that was a reason to not pay on the policy	12 earlier, right?
13 pursuant to the demand?	13 MR. WELDON: Objection.
A They haven't given us a reason why there	14 THE WITNESS: I have been testifying
15 has been no payment on the policy.	15 truthfully the entire time.
16 Q Does Beecher take a position one way or	16 BY MR. BURT:
17 another on whether the policy should be paid?	17 Q Do you know what Peak Ventures is?
18 A Beecher is contracted with Sentinel to	18 A I have never heard of Peak Ventures.
19 provide the management services and financials.	19 Q Referring to Dilip Massand, do you happen
20 We are available to be consulted with should there	20 to know why he resigned from the board?
21 need, we have had no consultation requests from	21 A We were not informed of the reasons why he
22 the directors.	22 resigned.
23 Q So Beecher is it fair to say that	23 Q Did that resignation come suddenly?
24 Beecher is not aware of any reason why the claim	24 A It was sudden.
25 has not been paid to date?	25 Q And no one explained why?
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1 MR. WELDON: Objection.	1 A I believe the explanation that we had was
2 THE WITNESS: Beecher is not aware of any	2 that he was no longer affiliated with Highland
3 reasons why the claim has not been paid to date.	3 Capital.
4 BY MR. BURT:	4 MR. BURT: One final document, this is the
5 Q We have seen some documents today that	5 final one and the shortest one.
6 reference Sentinel's management. Do you know who	6 (Document marked Exhibit 145 for
7 those whose referred to as Sentinel management	7 identification.)
8 or the officers of Sentinel that would refer to?	8 BY MR. BURT:
9 A In what way?	9 Q So this is an e-mail from Clayton Price to
10 Q So we talked about the directors, right	10 you, Mr. Adamczak, in the end of April last year,
11 A Yes.	11 2021. And the subject is Interesting to now learn
12 Q on one hand, and there has been other	12 that Matt had been planning to also resign from
13 references to the management at Sentinel.	13 Sentinel's board. Then he states, "And they
14 Have you ever heard that term that	14 previously appointed counsel other than Dylan at
15 Sentinel has management?	15 Carey Olsen my instinct tell me Matt likely
16 A Yes. But I would take it to mean that the	16 knew/knows more about this demand now being
17 management refers to those decision makers.	17 served." Do you recall this e-mail?
18 Q Being whom?	18 A I do.
19 A The directors of Sentinel.	Q What was the context of this e-mail?
20 Q And ultimately Dondero and Ellington?	A This was at the time that the then current
21 MR. WELDON: Objection.	21 directors were asked to resign from Sentinel.
THE WITNESS: I have not been requested by	Q And why was it interesting to learn that
23 them to make any or to direct any payments so I	23 Matt had been planning to resign?
24 can't say that they are the ones calling any	A Because through previous discussions that
25 shots.	25 we had with him he had given us no indication that

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1 he was going to be resigning until that point.	1 MR. WELDON: And I understand your
2 Q Do you know who asked the directors to	2 request. I have only a couple questions. If you
3 resign?	3 are done I asked Mr. Feinstein, I don't think
4 A I do not.	4 he has any, I am not aware of anyone else so I am
5 Q What did you make of Clayton price's line	5 going to ask questions.
6 that his instincts tells me Matt likely knows more	6 EXAMINATION
7 about the demand for payment on the claim now	7 BY MR. WELDON:
8 being served?	8 Q If you could look at Exhibit 137, I think
9 A Say that again?	9 they are in order. And then 128 is the other one
10 Q What did you take from Mr. Price's	10 I will need. If you guys want so you know what I
11 statement that his instincts told him Matt knew	11 am looking at. We are going to do 137 first.
12 more about the demand for claim payment that was	You testified about UBO, can you tell me
13 being served?	13 what that term means again?
14 A I would just be speculating if I	14 A Ultimate beneficial owner.
Q Did you share those instincts that Matt	Q And you understood that UBOs in the
16 knew more than he was letting on?	16 corporate structure diagram to be who on those
17 A Yes.	17 two?
18 Q Why is that?	18 A James Dondero and Scott Ellington.
19 A Because it just seemed peculiar.	19 Q Have you ever had any discussions with
20 Q What seemed peculiar?	20 Dondero or Ellington?
21 A That he was resigning.	21 A Me personally, no.
22 Q Last set of questions, in preparing for	22 Q Are you aware of any document that you
23 this deposition did you have any contact with	23 have seen today or do you have a document where
24 Sentinel's counsel?	24 you have seen that Dondero or Ellington made any
25 A No.	25 decisions about anything relative to Sentinel
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1 Q So that would be counsel at Foley Lardner	1 directly that you saw on a decision making basis?
2 or Collas Crill?	2 A I have not.
3 A Correct.	3 Q On one on Exhibit 137, if you look at
4 Q How about with any of the former Highland	4 the top, you see Matt DiOrio's e-mail there.
5 employees, Matt DiOrio?	5 A Yes.
6 A No.	6 Q It says sasmgt.com, and you explained why
7 Q Or J.P. Sevilla?	7 you understood that e-mail to be utilized in that
8 A No.	8 fashion.
9 Q Just worked with Mr. Weldon here to	9 Do you know who Matt aside from being
10 prepare?	10 an internal director, which you testified about
11 A That's correct.	11 with Sentinel, do you know who Matt DiOrio
MR. BURT: Chris, I think there are still	12 specifically worked for and got paid by relative
13 a few documents that weren't produced to us over	13 to his work?
14 on the redaction, waiting to get.	14 A Not with certainty, no.
15 MS. GEORGE: There is at least 30	15 Q In regards to all the testimony you
16 invoices, not including	16 provided today are you aware of Matt DiOrio acting
MR. WELDON: I know they are being worked	17 as anything but an internal director on his
18 on, just follow-up on them.	18 direction to you?
19 MR. BURT: We will follow-up on them. And	19 A On his direction to us, it was in his
20 for that reason though I am just going to need to	20 capacity as an internal director.
21 hold the deposition open pending	21 Q Because we have used the term coming from
MR. WELDON: I don't agree it is open I	22 Highland Capital, do you have any direct knowledge
23 think we are close to the seven hours, but I	23 on how information got from Highland Capital to
24 understand your position.	24 Matt DiOrio specifically?
25 MR. BURT: Okay.	25 A I do not.
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Q I want to look at Exhibit 128.	1 Q Do you know what the basis of that				
We talked about these scenarios that Jason	2 restraining order is?				
3 Stubbs had put together.	3 A I do not.				
4 A Yes.	4 Q But there was some clarification on what				
5 Q And there were scenarios in these	5 could be paid?				
6 scenarios in these three there were	6 A Correct.				
7 situations in these three scenarios in which	7 Q Is that correct?				
8 Sentinel took the premium places policy they would	8 A Correct.				
9 have a favorable outcome in the premium they took	9 Q And you looked is it fair to say you				
10 and a beneficial benefit to the company, is that	10 looked to the directors, the current directors of				
11 correct?	11 Sentinel, to understand their interpretation of				
12 A That's correct. In each of the scenarios	12 that clarification?				
13 there were two options that would have resulted in	13 A The current directors are aware of that				
14 very little payout or no payment.	14 restraining order and would direct us to pay				
15 Q So in that regard, only that regard, I am	15 invoices or to process invoices so that they could				
16 not talking about any other aspect of it, was the	16 release them as deemed appropriate.				
17 policy any different than any other policy when	17 Q Okay.				
18 you get scenarios when you have this actuary done	18 MR. WELDON: I don't have any other				
19 in regards to how that policy was going to respond	19 questions at this point.				
20 and whether it was a policy that should be placed.	20 MR. BURT: Just a little redirect.				
21 A No. This is similar to many policies that	21				
22 we have seen in the past.	22 FURTHER EXAMINATION				
23 Q Was there any action that Beecher took in	BY MR. BURT:				
24 regards to what it has done for Sentinel	24 Q Your counsel, Mr. Adamczak, just asked you				
25 throughout its time as the captive manager that	25 a few questions about the UBOs, the ultimate				
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1 wasn't at the direction of the directors?	1 beneficial owners of Sentinel. Do you recall				
2 A No. Beecher did not have the capacity to	2 those questions?				
3 be able to do that. Everything was approved and	3 A Yes.				
4 directed by the directors, whether independent or					
	4 Q I am going to read to you from the				
5 internal.	5 transcript from earlier today at Pages 17, line				
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2	That was the question that you were asked) SS.	
3	and that was the answer that you gave earlier	2	COUNTY OF DUPAGE)	
4	today, isn't that right?	3	I, STEPHANIE A. BATTAGLIA, CSR and	
5	A That's correct.	4	Notary Public in and for the County of DuPage and	
6	Q And you also said that you hadn't seen any	5	State of Illinois, do hereby certify that on	
7	documents where Messrs Dondero and Ellington were	6	April 12, 2022, at 9:06 a.m., at 156 College	
8	making decisions.	7	Street, Suite 301, Burlington, Vermont the	
9	I would like to pull up Exhibit 116 again	8	deponent THOMAS ADAMCZAK, 30(b)(6) personally appeared before me.	
10) and go to the second attachment, which is the	9		
1	1 Sentinel Advisory Committee discussions signed by	11	ADAMCZAK, 30(b)(6) was by me first duly sworn to	
12	2 Mr. Ellington, recording member, do you see that?		testify and that the foregoing is a true record of	
1.	3 A I do.		the testimony given by the witness.	
14	4 Q Do you recall seeing this document earlier	14		
1:	5 today?	15		
10	6 A I do.	16		
1	7 Q And do you recall testifying that these		for nor related to any of the parties herein, nor	
13	8 committee discussions were never provided to	18		
	9 Beecher?	19	In witness whereof, I have hereunto set	
20	0 A That is correct.		my hand and seal of office this of April,	
2	MR. BURT: That's all I have.		2022.	
2	MR. WELDON: I am done.	22	OFFICIAL SELLAND STEPHANE A BATTAGLIA	
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	4 deposition of Thomas Adamczak, we are going off	24	Notary Public	
	5 the record at 6:19 p.m.	25	CSR No. 084-003337 - Expiration Date: 5/31/2023	
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1	(End of videotaped proceedings.)			
2	MS. REPORTER: You are getting a rough			
3	draft and five-day delivery.			
4	MR. BURT: Yes.			
5	MR. WELDON: And we will read and sign,			
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